#### British court rejects AMF suit

LONDON (R) — An appeal court ruled Tuesday that the Arab Monetary Pand (AMF), which is seeking damages against a former director general now living in Britain, could not sue him in this country. The fund has parsed its former head, Jawad Mahmond Hashim, through the courts of Swizzerland, Cauada and now Britain in an ansuccessful bid to claim about \$50 million in damages for alleged misappropriation of its money. It says that Hashim, an Iraqi-born economist who was director general between 1977 and 1982, used the fund's money to trade in foreign exchange and other markets for his own profit. The fund, based in Abu Dhahi, promotes economic development and stable exchange rates between its 21 member states. In 1987 Hashim was sentenced in absentia by an Abu Dhabi court to 240 years in prison and fined \$1.91 million for various counts of forgery and breach of trust. He was also ordered to pay \$86.5 million to the Arab Monetary Fund. Britain's high court had earlier ruled that the fund could try to recover the damages in this country but the decision was reversed Tuesday after Hashim appealed against the judgment.

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#### Walesa wants to oust Jaruzelski

WARSAW (R) — Lech Walesa said Tuesday he would run for the office of Polish president and a top aide said he was ready to force President Wojciech Jaruzelski to resign. Asked by the official news agency PAP to comment on a weekend statement by one of his senior aides that he wanted to replace Jaruzelski sooo, Walesa said: "I confirm." He did not elaborate, but said: "We have a lot of wise and valuable people in the government and other positions but one has to speed up the pace of reforms and remove the old set-up." Earlier, Walesa's chief of staff Krzysztof Pusz said the Solidarity leader was ready to force Jaruzelski to resign and take over the presidency himself. Pusz, chief of Walesa's secretariat, told Reuters Walesa should become president soon because Jaruzelski was doing nothing to speed up reforms at home or win help for Poland from abroad. "Everything is going too slowly. We just need someone with a whip," he said. Pusz said Walesa should first win reelection as chairman of Solidarity when the union holds its first national congress since 1981 in Gdansk next

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#### Delegation leaves for Libya

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AMMAN (J.T.) — A team from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs left Amman Tuesday for Tripoli to make preparations for the reopening of Jordan's embassy in Tripoli closed six years ago. The team is led by Mr. Hisham Muheissen, who will hold talks on the reopening of the emhassy with Libyan officials, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra. Muheissen and his team would inspect the premises of the embassy, which was burnt down in an anti-Jordanian demonstration in 1984. Libya has restored the buildings and agreed with Jordan to restore full diplomatic ties following a meeting between His Majaesty King Hussein and Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi at an Arab summit in Morocco last year. According to Foreign Ministry sources, a Libyan team was expected in Amman soon to take charge of preparations for re-opening the Libyan emhassy

#### Arafat calls for Arab summit

TUNIS (R) - Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat called Tuesday for a special Arab summit conference to discuss Middle East issues before the superpower summit at the end of May. "I hope the proposal for a special Arab summit will be approved quickly and that it will be held before the American-Soviet summit at the end of next month," Arafat said after meeting Tunisian President Zine Abidine Ben Ali. He said the Arab summit would have to take measures to meet challenges facing the Arab World, including the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel and perceived Israeli threats against Iraq.

#### **SLA** raids two Lebanese villages

BEIRUT (R) - Israeli-backed militiamen advanced into two vil lages in South Lebanon Monday and arrested three people, security sources said. They said the armoured force of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) pushed into the villages of Majdal Zoun and Haddatha on the edge of Israel's self-declared "security zone." The SLA detained three villagers from Majdal Zoun and opened up a harrage of artillery fire on the village of Haddatha, scriously wounding one resident, they said. Both villages are controlled by the militia.

#### Singh warns Pakistan over Kashmir

NEW DELHI (AP) — Prime Minister V.P. Singh Tuesday warmed Pakistan it would nav a "heavy price" if it tried to intervene in a secessionist movement in India's Jammu-Kashmir state. It was his most aggressive statement to date in an escalating war of words with Pakistan. Singh told the Lok Sabha, or house of the people, that Pakistan was fomenting insurgency in the Jamma-Kashmir. Both countries chain rights to the Kashmir Valley, which is divided between them by a U.N. ceasefire line. He stid Pakistan could "make a liwited intervention with or without uniforms to achieve its tertitorial goal." You (Pakistan) will not get away with it. You will have to pay a very heavy price and we have the capability to inflict this cost."

#### **Qadhafi urges** release of Arab political Prisoners in West

NICOSIA (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi appealed Tresday for the release of Arab political prisoners in Western countries and thanked hardline Palestinians for freeing three European hostages in Beirut. There are prisoners and detained people from the Middle East and Arab countries jailed in some prisons in Eurpean countries and in the U.S. for political reasons. "I hope that they may be released, too," the Libyan news seency JANA quoted Qadhafi as saying. JANA said Qadhafi expressed appreciation to the Fatch Revolutionary Council (FRC), led by Abu Nidal, for responding to his appeal to release the hostages (see page 2).

# King addresses Royal Commission

Democratisation is irreversible • National charter will not be a substitute for constitution, will regulate pluralism • Events of last April inspired need to renew social contract • Democracy can only be protected by democracy • We all are in the same boat and no one will rock it

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — The democratisation of Jordan is a irreversible process and democratic tolerance of opposing views should be the guiding force for political life in the Kingdom under guidelines set by the proposed national charter, His Majesty King Hussein said

Addressing a 60-member Royal Commission, which was named Monday and entrusted with drafting the national charter, the King said that the proposed document would be a "social contract pivoted on democracy and founded in the Constitu-

The national charter, the King affirmed, will be a "broad and flexible framework for national action" and "will not be a substitute for the Constitution."

The King's reaffirmation came against a backdrop of contentions by some political groupings and parliamentarians that the national charter would seek to circumvent constitutional provisions. "Constitutional parliamentary life

is our common choice, and the path from which there will be no turning back," the King said in the speech, which was broadcast in full on Jordan

The King cantioned that good will and agreement on basic concepts should be integral elements of demo-cratic life without which "fangs and talons (will) tear at national unity and destroy the achievements and gains of

The King said the idea of a national charter was conceived with Jordan's July 1988 decision to sever legal and administrative links with the Israelioccupied West Bank and further given shape with the April 1989 unrest against price hikes in the south of the Kingdom and crystallised with the Nov. 8 general elections.

"The new phase which we are about to begin will pave the way for the resumption of political pluralism. which is another cornerstone of democracy," the King told the com-mission, which is chaired by former Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat and includes parliamentarians, political activists, lawyers, university professors, writers, trade union leaders, journalists and intellectuals.

The proposed charter, which will be put for a national referendum, is expected to outline the framework for the legalisation of political parties in the Kingdom after a ban imposed in

Describing the proposed charter as a "social contract," the King said it would set guidelines not only for political life but also the economy, security, society and culture, and will lay down common objectives to serve as "deterrent against claiming to monopolise truth and seeking to impose that monopoly on others by

The King said Jordan's experience in democracy with political parties in the 1950s was "not positive," and that the parties that existed then "were governed by the positions and dic-totes of their leaders from abroad." He said the parties then "over-looked the most basic principle of democracy, namely that nobody has a monopoly of truth."

In addition, be said, some elements had infiltrated into the ranks of the Armed Forces and threatened to undermine the security and stability

of the country. The King called on Jordanians to learn from the mistakes of Western and Israeli democracies, which, he said, violated basic values and princi-ples of democracy. "The nations which colonised most of the people of Asia and Africa for bundreds of years have the oldest democratic traditions and the country that occupies Palestine, suppressing and terrorising its people, also has a democratic sys-tem," be commented.

"This should remind us that democracy also has an ugly face which manifests itself when the people who practise democracy stray away from thic values... or when they pursue their narrow interest over the general good of the society and the state." The King reiterated Jordan's commitment to the Palestinian cause and support for the uprising in the occu-pied territories which entered its 28th month Monday. "Jordan will con-tique to exert all available resources to support the struggle of the Palestinian people under its national leadership, represented by the Palestine Liberation Organisation," he said. The Royal Commission, in which most shades and colours of the Jorda-nian political spectrum are repre-

sented, includes 11 members of the Upper House of Parliament, 16 members of the Lower House, and 10 Islamists, six of them members of the Muslim Brotherhood, in addition to seven university professors, four jour-

nalists, and four women.
Others include political activists, representing Communists, pan-Arab Baathists and independent Arab

Following is the full text of the

Your Excellency, Brothers and sisters,

I greet you with pride and esteem, and welcome you to Basman, the home of all Jordanians.

I am gratified that we should have this meeting to initiate another phase of our parliamentary democracy. t am confident that with awareness and with a sense of responsibility we shall accomplish it as successfully as the one that preceded it. That phase started last November with the parliamentary general elections and the selection of senators, and was completed when the new government won the vote of confidence of the House of Deputies, on the basis of its programme, which was derived from the

letter of appointment. The new phase which we are about to begin will pave the way for the resumption of political pluralism, which is another cornerstone of

As you know, the democratic structure has many constituents. Some of these are institutional, represented by the National Assembly and political parties. Some are methodological, reflected by adherence to the condialogue, and the belief that no single respect for the law and opposite points of view, and effective parti-Naturally, good will is the factor that bolds all these constituents

together as people who practice democracy rally to serve society and protect the oation, irrespective of their position or the size and nature of their contribution. Otherwise, democracy turns into anarchy. It becomes a tool for destruction, a mechanism that dissipates society's energy and paralyses it, and fangs and talons that tear the fabric of national unity and destroy the achievements and gains of the state. Examples of this are many. and not unknown to you. Some of them we experienced in our country, and some afflicted or continue to afflict people in our region and elsewhere. Democracy is not an eod in itself, but a way of life and a means to

the people and its purpose is their service. If people use it well they reap good results, and if they abuse it they bring harm to themselves and others. The nations that colonised most of bundreds of years have the oldest democratic traditions, and the country that occupies Palestine suppres ng and terrorising its people also has a democratic system...!

This should remind us that demo cracy also has an ugly face which manifests itself when the people who practice democracy stray from ethical values in their dealings with other nations, or when they pursue their narrow interest over the general good of society and the state. Many a democracy behaved unjustly and thus went into decline; many a society was thus torn apart. In stating this I am not telling you anything new, as you

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# Obeidat pledges seriousness, commitment

AMMAN — Former prime minister and head of the newlyformed Royal Commission on the proposed national charter Ahmad Obeidat Tuesday pledged the panel's commitment to safeguarding public interests, taking into account the challenges facing the people and the country.

In reply to a speech by His Majesty King Hussein at a meeting held at the Royal Palace, Obeidat, a member of the Upper

House of Parliament, stressed that the Royal Commission would work to protect the achievements that the country has made throughout its long

Obeidat said that despite any difference in opinion among the commission's members, who have been drawn from all walks of political life, the panel will work as one team to achieve the unity of the country, protect democracy and safeguard the proposed national charter.

achieve public good. Its substance is

The former prime minister voiced the commission's appreciation of the King's directives designating the committee and of hls continued and dedicated efforts to protect the country's achievements. He pointed out that the proposed charter will reflect the will and determination of the people and government to sion's work.

enter a process of national re-

The charter will also reflect the people's ability to capitalise on the strength of the past and foresee the future. "It is indicative of the people's ability to safeguard their achievements," he said.

Obeidat also said that seriousness and commitment would be the main features of the commis-

# Parliamentarians to meet U.S. senators, protest to go ahead

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — a U.S. Senate delegation led by Republican leader Robert Dole arrives here this evening from Egypt against a background of scepticism from public officials and a planned protest organised by the local chapter of the American-Arah Anti-Discrimination Committee

Union leaders, local newspaper columnist and members of the Lower House called for a boycott of the delegation's visit in protest against the U.S. Senate's recognition last month of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. However, informed official sources confirmed Tuesday that Jordan Parliament memhers would meet with the visitors.

"There was talk of some sort of demonstration by members of the Lower House to protest the Senate resolution (on Jerusalem) but I guess nothing has

become of that," said one deputy who said he was planing to join the protest. Several members of the Up-

per House foreign affairs committees confirmed that they planned to meet with the delegation "if there is time." 'It would be a good opportunity to say a few things and

set the record straight about

the status of Jerusalem, the

occupied territories and other Arab issues," Upper House Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi told the Jordan Times. "Maybe the senators could use a briefing." Taher Al Masri, head of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Lower House, dismissed calls by other deputies to boycott the senators on their

visit to Jordan. "The delegatin is on an official visit and we have to meet them as their counterparts regardless of their position on Middle East issues." Masri said. "If we meet with the sena-

tors we will certainly tell them what we think about the Sen-

status of Jerusalem and other issues. So maybe their visit will even do some good," Masri, a former foreign minister, told the Jordan Times.

However, the local chapter of the ADC confirmed that a group of "about 50 to 60 people will stage a silent welcome protest action" Wednesday evening at the Marriott Hotel. where the senators are expected to stay during their

The protesters, who will inclade representatives of several popular organisations based in Amman and the occupied territories, will present a memorandum to the senators, "outlining the inadmissibility of any unilateral action on Jerusalem by anyone," said an official at the ADC.

The Senate delegation is on what is described as a "fact finding" mission to the Middle East. Officials and columnists

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# Mubarak favours confederation

an interview published here this

think it might be accepted," he

Israeli-Palestinian negotiations get under way, Syria would join them.

"We have a golden opportunity for peace now. But (some

ence, the Palestinians agreed on a state in confederation with Jordan." he said. "I think it's a good signal. Confederation would be much more stable. We just shouldn't talk about it a lot," the

whole lot" and the one Israel must negotiate with.

Iraq is ready for inspection of its facilities if other countries in the region have theirs inspected too, he said. "But you can't give

Iranian stand" even though the country's new leaders have sought to renew diplomatic ties with Egypt, he said.

damentalists but the authorities have the situation under control,

#### in West Bank and Gaza OCCUPIED JERUSALEM was shot in Nur Shams refugee

5 shot and wounded

(Agencies) - Israeli soldiers shot and wounded five Palestinians in the occupied territories and arsonists set fire to five Israeli vehicles Tuesday, first day of a week-long holiday.

Two Palestinians were shot in or near the West Bank city of Nablus, two were hit in Gaza City and one was wounded in a nearby refugee camp to the south, hospital and Palestinian sources quoted by Reuters said. Police said three cars were set n

fire in Arab Jerusalem's Jewish neighbourhood of Pisgat Zeev, a lorry was torched in the Arab sector of Shuafat and a bus hurned near the Arab village of Beit Safafa just south of the city. They said substantial damage was caused to all the vehicles but no one was injured. Mohammad Salis, 17, was shot

and seriously wounded during clashes in the West Bank city of Nablus. Yasser Rajah Hadab. 20,

camp nearby as soldiers moved against stone-throwers.

Palestinians said troops fired vinyl-coated ball bearings, tear-gas and stun grenades to disperse demonstrators who threw stones and burned tyres in Gaza City's commercial district. A 16-year-old boy was hit in

the head by a ball bearing and a 17-year-old was also wounded. and in Dir Al Balah refugee camp 16 kilometres south of the city a 24-year-old man was shot. The army said it had no reports

of the clashes. A spokeswoman said Tulkarm village in the West Bank was placed under curfew to allow "army operations." Palestinians said the curfew

was imposed after 40 masked people tore down during the night a makeshift huilding used by Israeli troops as a daytime lookout post.

In the Gaza Strip, Israeli troops ordered shops closed in Gaza's get guarantees of peace.

it a closed military zone after the

Troops chased a number of demonstrators into nearby Al Ahali Hospital and arrested two people in the hospital. Palestinian sources said.

Palestinians marked the 29th month of their revolt against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip with a general strike Monday.

A rightist Israeli group announced plans to March Wednesday from Jerusalem's Haram Al Sharif complex to the U.S. consulate to protest against Washington's opposition to settling Soviet Jews in Arah Jeru-

A Palestinian leader said Tuesday Europe should push Israeli Labour leader Shimon Peres to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and

# Peres, Rabin elect cabinet candidates

Labour Party leaders Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin met Tuesday to select their party's candidates for cabinet posts in a coalition government they will present to parliament for approv-

Peres has expressed confidence that his coalition will win a majority in Wednesday's vote in the 120-member parliament. So far, 61 legislators are committed to back the Labour-led coalition.

They are: 39 from Labour, five from the ultra-orthodox Agudat Israel party, five from the left-wing Citizeus Rights Movement (CRM), three from the socialist Mapam party, two from the leftwing Shinui party, three from the Communist Hadash party, and three tiny parties with one legislator each

The 61st is Avraham Sharir, a former tourism minister who defected from the right-wing Likud bloc last week.

Labour has signed a coalition agreement with Agudat Israel and Sharir, but so far has failed to bring the CRM, Mapam and Shinni into the government.

"We are going to support the government tomorrow, but we are not going to join it because of

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - the nature of the coalition between the Labour Party and a defector," CRM legislator Yossi Sarid said Tuesday, referring to Sharir.

> ment at a later stage when and if other legitimate parties join.' Sarid told the Associated Press. Right-wing Israelis meanwhile called for protests outside parliament when Peres seeks approval his government dedicated to pur-

"We would join the govern-

suing peace with Palestinians.
"Yell up to the heavens: This wicked government will not be established," said an advertisement printed in two mass-

circulation newspapers. Police said extra forces would be assigned to protect members of the Knesset as they euter the West Jerusalem building for the vote on whether to accept the new government.

The advertisement calling for protests was signed by "activists" of both Gush Emunim, an organisation determined to incorporate the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip into Israel," and Shas,

a religious party. Labour's 1,500-member central committee, meanwhile, was to

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# **Mitsotakis** gets mandate to form government

ATHENS (AP) - Conservative party leader Constantine Mitsotakis, finally an election winner after four tries, received a mandate to form a government Tues-

Mitsotakis who worked out an agreement with a small party to give him the necessary majority in the 300-member parliament, said his government would be sworn in Wednesday.

Following his one-hour meeting with President Christos Sartzetakis, the 71-year-old Mitsotakis told reporters: "I don't have much to say. As you know I met with Mr. Sartzetakis who gave me a mandate to form a govern-

The mandate was given after Mitsotakis assured Sartzetakis that he controlled 151 of the 300 parliamentary seats.

Mitsotakis received the support of Democratic Renewal Party leader Costis Stepnanopulos after returns from Sunday's general elections showed be was one seat short of a majority.

His support avoided a political

# Expelled U.S. diplomat leaves Iraq

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — A U.S. diplomat, expelled by Iraq in retaliation for Washington's expulsion of an Iraqi diplomat based at the United Nations, left Baghdad late Monday night on his way home, according to diplomatic sources.

The American diplomat was Zachary White, a second secretary at the U.S. embassy in Baghdad, according to the sources. In New York, U.N. sources

identified the Iraqi diplomat expelled last week as first secretary at Iraq's U.N. mission Hamid Al Amiry, said by Washington to have been connected with an alleged plot to kill two opponents of the Baghdad govern-

The White House mildly protested Iraq's expulsion of the American diplomat, but said it was not planning retaliation despite a growing number of disputes with Baghdad.

We believe this was an inappropriate act and his expulsion

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# Gorbachev may impose own rule in Lithuania

MOSCOW (Agencies) - Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said Tuesday be might impose his new power of direct presidential rule in rebel Lithuania if civilian conflict broke out. The president was responding

the Komsomol, the Communist Party's youth organisation, the official news agency TASS said. "Answering questions about the possibility of the introduction of presidential rule in Lithuania, Mikhail Gorbachev said that the government of the country is striving to find a political solution

to questions during a congress of

to the problem," TASS said. "At the same time he did not rule out the possibility of the introduction of presidential rule, but only if the situation acquires the form of a civilian conflict or confrontation," TASS said.

Lithuania's president appealed meanwhile to Gorbachev not to carry out threatened political and economic measures against the breakaway republic. Tuesday's statements came on

the eye of the one-month

anniversary of Lithuania's dec-

laration of independence. On

Monday, Gorbachev and his presidential council warned of unspecified "political and economic" measures if the declaration was not rescinded. Lithuania said last week it

would not repeal the March 11 declaration as a condition for negotiations with the Kremlin. TASS quoted the 16-member presidential council as saying Monday: "The reply by the

Lithuanian Supreme Soviet was

not constructive and did not open

an avenue toward settling prob-

lems. In fact, it leads matters to a dead end." "Members of the presidential council concluded that additional economic, political and other measures should he taken to protect the Soviet constitution and the interests of citizens living in the republic and the Soviet Union as a whole," TASS quoted the coun-

cil as saying. It did not say what kinds of steps the council had in mind. The statement indicated recent conciliatory moves by both sides had done little to ease the tense confrontation between the Kremlin and the republic.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak believes a confederation with Jordan would be a better solution for the Palestinian problem than an independent state, according to

Mubarak, speaking with edi-tors of the weekly U.S. News and World Report, said that under a permanent solution Israeli troops could withdraw from the occupied West Bank but remain stationed on strategie mountain ridges and along the Jordan River. "These arrangements can be reached during negotiations. ... I

was quoted as saying.

Mubarak also said that once

Israelis) are being blockheaded" in insisting that Jordan is the solution to the Palestinian probleng, Mubarak said. "At their last Algiers confer-

Egyptian leader said. Although Yasser Arafat does not control all the diverse factions of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Mnbarak said, "Arafat is the best man in the

Mubarak said Libya may be producing small amounts of chemical weapons. "Don't believe that Libya is producing big chemical weapons. If they are, then it's with foreign aid and may be true only in a small (way)," he was quoted as saying.

Israel a green light" to produce weapons "and not allow the Arabs (to produce these weapons)," Minbarak said. As for Iran, "I don't trust the

Egypt has some Muslim fun-

The group has said their re-

lease was contingent on freedom

for a Palestinian jailed in Belgium

for a decade after a bombing

Hours after the release, FRC

spokesman Walid Khaled drove

into the French embassy offices

and told reporters he will relase a

statement "after my talks with

French diplomats." He would not

the three to the embassy at 8:15

a.m. (06:15 GMT), the police

three cars, curtains drawn, sped

up to embassy on Rue

Clemenceau in west Beirut, he

said, speaking on condition of

apparently bad advance notice of

the release. Ala was waiting at a

cement outpost manned by

French Marine guards near the

main gate," the spokesman said.

embark. The doors were opened

and Ferdinand Hontekins

emerged first, wearing a grey suit

and carrying the haby daughter,

walked into the embassy guards,

armed with automatic rifles,

black leather jacket and beige

skirt, while the baby was all in

A French guard, speaking on

condition of anonymity, said the three were served "breakfast of

instant coffee, jam and crois-

Paris later in the day," the guard

said, talking from behind the

Brigitte Valente said, "the night-

mare is over and I'm trembling

with joy. I can't even talk. It's too

The mother and daughter had a

brief conversation broadcast on

In France, Jacqueline's mother

"They'll probably leave for

Ms. Valente was wearing a

"Ms. Valente was next. They

the spokesman said.

watched," be added.

sants.

main gate.

French radio.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Syrla accuses Israel of blocking peace

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria accused Israel Tuesday of blocking

Middle East peace and said Damascus was building its strength to

defend its rights and those of other Arab countries. The official

daily Al Baath, organ of the ruling Baath Party, said Syria

supported a "just and comprehensive peace" but was not ready to

abandon Syrian and Arab rights. It said an international peace

conference with all parties present was the best formula for

achieving peace. "Syria had always proved that as much as she

supports a just and comprehensive peace she is not ready to

abandon any of her legitimate rights or those of Arabs. "Syria is

building her own strength in a way to enable her to defend herself

and Arab rights in all circumstances and to stop the Israeli expansionism which is pushing incidents in the region towards

LONDON (R) - Sudan's military government has detained 35

people, including the son of former Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, in connection with a coup plot it uncovered last month, a

London-based Arabic newspaper said Tuesday. Ashraq Al

Awsat, reporting from Khartoum, quoted an official source as

saying those detained and being questioned about the plot included retired Lientenant Abdul Rahman Al Mahdi, former

aides to the ousted prime minister and servicemen. The coup plot

was the first to be reported by the junta since it seized power from

Mahdi's elected government in a coup last June that returned

Sudan to military rule for the fourth time since independence in

Herzog hospitalised for stomach ulcer

TEL AVIV (AP) - President Chaim Herzog was bospitalised

briefly over the weekend for tests and treatment for a bleeding

stomach ulcer, his spokesman said Tuesday. Herzog, 7I, com-

plained of stomach pains Saturday night and was hospitalised for a

short time Sunday for tests, said spokesman Giora Pordes. "Now

he's fine," Pordes said. He added that he did not know if the

president required a special diet or medication for the ailment.

Pordes' disclosure was the first word of Herzog's illness.

Mahdi's son held over coup plot

The gunmen did not dis-

"Ala and the French diplomats

Gunmen from FRC brought

Masked gunmen in a convoy of

attack on Jewish youths.

elaborate.

anonymity.

spokesman said.

# Palestinian group frees 3 hostages

BEIRUT (Agencies) — A French woman, her Belgian boyfriend and their infant daughter were released Tuesday by the Palestinian guerrilla group that held them hostage for almost two and a half years, police said.

Police said the three released by Abu Nidal's group Fatch-Revolutionary Council (FRC) were French woman Jacqueline Valente, 32, her Belgian boyfriend Fernand Hontekins, 43, and their 2-year-old daughter Sophie-Liberte, born in captivity.

Palestinian sonrces in the port of Sidon said the three arrived secretly from Libya by boat over the weekend. They were kept at an Abo Nidal base east of Sidon. 40 kilometres south of Beirut, until their release, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

French embassy spokesman François Abi Saab said only two news organisations financed by the French government, Agence-France Presse news agency and the Antenne-2 television station. would have access to the hos-

A special plane was dispatched from Paris Tuesday to collect the freed hostages.

"Kisses to all my relatives. I am fine and so is the child," Valente told the French reporters given exclusive access to the couple. "We feel a little tired from

travelling."
Houtekins said his four in-laws still held were "in very good condition. Their morale is high and they are taking it in their stride. Don't worry,"

He added, "we were awaiting the day of our release and it has finally come. We hope the others left behind will be freed soon.'

The couple would not comment on their second child born in captivity during their 20-minute talk with reporters. But French Ambassador Rene

Ala said Ms. Valente told him that the boy born in March 1989 had died from problems in his

Abu Saab, reached by telephone said the three were in good

Four Belgians of the original group of eight people kidnapped in November 1987 remain io the

France's Foreign Minister credited Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi, who called for their

ign Minister Roland Dumas expressed his satisfaction for this noble and humanitarian ges-

It expressed bope that the four others detained by Abu Nidal's group would be freed without delay.

In Brussels, Foreign Minister Mark Eyskens said in a statement he hoped Tuesday's "release can be considered as a testimony of good faith concerning the release

He said "the Belgian government thanks everybody who has come.

"When I see (the release) on television, all my sorrow surfaces again because I know that the others are left behind," said Lisette Kets, the sister of Gode-

"I have a lot of grief because they were not set free together,"

knowledge a Belgian negotiator was in Beirut working on their

The FRC spokesman said Monday that freedom for the remaining four Belgians was contingent on freedom for Nasser Sa'eed, given a alife sentence for a grenade attack June 27, 1980, against Jewish youths in

Friends said the group was on

#### release last week to mark the holy month of Ramadan. In a ministry statement, Fore-

of the other" bostages.

contributed to the happy out-The other Belgians are Houtekin's brother. Emmanuel, in his

40s. his wife Godelieve Kets, age unavailable, and son Laurent and daughter Valerie, both teen-

lieve in an interview on BRT national radio.

But she was bolstered by the

A Beigian Foriegn Office official. Jan Hollants van Loocke, said at a press conference in Beirut Monday that he was in Lebanon to negotiate for the release of the Belgians.

Abu Nidal announced on Nov. 1987 that it had seized a group of eight hostages from the Freuch yacht Silco off the Gaza Strip and accused them of collaborating with Israel's Mossad intelligence

# Ankara restricts Kurdish

areas

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - The government has adopted new security measures to fight Kurdish unrest in southeastern Tur-

The government decree, which went into effect Tuesday after its publication in the official Gazette, restricts news coverage of incidents in the region and increases the powers of the regional governor in charge of the II provinces where Kurdish guerrillas have been fighting for an independent Kurdistan.

The guerrillas belong to the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK), a Marxist group which has camps in neighbouring Syria, Iraq and

An estimated IO million of Turkey's population of 55 million are ethnic Kurds. They live dispersed in the rugged terrain of Turkey's eastern and southeastern areas.

The Turkish press will not be allowed to carry stories or analyses that might harm security operations, Mehmet Yazar, state minister and government spokesman, announced Mouday evening after a seven-hour cabinet meeting.

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Valente were freed after Libyan mean the early freeing of their intervention on Dec. 29, 1988. loved ones. Daughter Marie-Laure was 6 at Four Britons are believed held the time and Virginie was 5. They

by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon - journalist John McCarthy, retired pilot Jack Mann, and Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy. Missing teacher Brian Keenan has Irish and British citizenship.

The release of hostages of any nationality by any group is always very welcome news," said a spokesman for Archbishop Robert Runcie.

But the captors in this case are quite different to those holding the British hostages in Lebanon, so their release brings little direct comfort to the families of the British hostages beyond the hope that it might loosen up the sitution of bostages in Lebanon

The Britons are believed to be held by Islamic Jihad, an umbrella organisation for pro-Iranian Shi'ite Muslims in Lebanon.

John Waite, cousin of Terry Waite, said: "It's great, and we are delighted that these three have been freed. It's wonderful and we send them our love. It's also a great boost that somebody has been released."

# No plans for Baker trip to Mideast

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Margaret Tutwiler has emphasised that there is no plan for Secretary of State James Baker to visit the Middle East in the near

An article published on April 9 by syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak suggested Baker may fly to the region soon if a new Israeli government headed by Labour Party leader Shimon Peres takes office.

There are no trips that I'm aware of that are planned," the spokesman told a questioner.

Tutwiler had no comment about the possibility that Peres

prime minister. "As you know, we are waiting to work with the Israeli government that emerges," she said. In a Washington Post report

would be named Israel's new

Evans and Novak said that the unpublicised expectation in Baker's office is that one of the first policy edicts to be issued by the new Labour prime minister will rule out more Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

Baker next wants a pledge to bar Soviet Jews from living in existing West Bank settlements unless they are joining family members already there.

If the new Labour government

er will appounce the administration's agreement for \$400 million in housing loan guarantees for Soviet Jews. Now barred from the United States, these immigrants are inundating Israel.

meets those two conditions. Bak.

That lays a foundation on which to build the modest edifice of talks between Israelis and Palestinians. It may not look like the Taj Mahal, but compared to the long Reagan years of bowing to pressures from Israel and Bush's acceptance of Soviet force and violence in Lithuania, it shows what a principled position can accomplish." Evans and

# Baker, Bethlehem mayor discuss Soviet Jewish immigration issue

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Secretary of State James Baker met with the mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Friej, at the State Department on April 9. The visiting mayor also met with the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs John Kelly.

Following the baif-hour meeting with Baker, Friej told reporters that they discussed the

situation in the occupied territories and the Soviet Jewish immigration issue. Friej said that be was "really

satisfied" with the meeting and "encouraged" at what Kelly and Baker said to him. He said "the U.S. is committed to pursuing the peace process."

Friej said he "expects and hopes that with the cooperation of the new Israeli government, a

and Israelis will take place." He is convinced, that Israeli Labour Party leader Shimon Peres "is committed to a policy of

a continued peace process."
"Soviet Jews' settling in Israel is the business of Israel and the Soviet Union." Friej said, but added that he did not support Soviet Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

# Senators have 'frank, constructive' talks with Assad

DAMASCUS (USIA) — A delegation of U.S. senators met with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on April 9. Senate minority leader Robert Dole said that President Assad and the American delegation discussed a wide range of topics during what be described as "frank and constructive exchange" which lasted two hours and forty minutes.

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Because the boat hostages are

believed in Libya they are not

listed among the 18 Westerners

The fate of the other 18 is

considered an entirely separate

matter, as most are believed in

the hands of pro-Iranian Shi'ite

Khaled, in his second appeal in

two days, urged the kidnappers of

two Swiss relief workers of the

International Committee of the

Red Cross (ICRC) to free them

Emmanuel Christen, 33, and

Elio Erriquez, 24, were seized on

Oct. 6, 1989 by gunmen ontside

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Hope for British captives

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Among the topics discussed, he told reporters following the meeting, were U.S.-Syrian relations, the peace process. Lebanon, hostages, terrorism and buman

The delegation, led by Senator Dole, includes Senators Alan Simpson (Republican of Wyoming), Howard Metzenbanm (Democrat of Obio), James A. McClure (Republican of Idaho), and Frank Murkowski (Republican of Alaska).

Following is the transcript of the news conference: Dole: Let met indicate --- if I

can just make a brief opening statement - when we'll be happy to respond to questions and we'll each be available for questions. We've had a very frank and constructive exchange with the president about two hours and forty minutes. We discussed broadranging issues that affect Syria. affect the United States, affect this part of the world. It primarily was the peace process, Lebanon, hostages, tourism, and human rights, including Syrian Jewry. We also indicated to President

Assad that we brought him best wishes from President Bush. We told him the president placed significant store in this visit, in this delegation. We met with the president last Thursday before we left Washington. D.C., and the president indicated his gratitude. for the help the Syrians have had with reference to the hostages and the peace process, the Taif accords in Lebanon, and we con-

veyed that to President Assad. We also discussed the improvement of U.S-Syrian relations, and we made it very clear that one of the primary purposes we were bere — the five of us — was to express our hope that we can improve relations between the United States and Syria.

President Assad assured us of his efforts to continue to pursue any avenue to find a way to a comprehensive peace accord. He indicated that it must be comprehensive, it couldn't be bilateral, and we raised each of these questions. I think Senator Murkowski may have raised chemical war-

fare, biological weapons. So, we'd be happy at this point to

respond to any questions.
Q: (Inaudible about hostages) Dole: We were told that he was engaged in trying to be helpful. He gave us no specific information. I raised the question about Colonel Higgins and whether there was any chance be could help us find the remains of Col. Higgins so they could be returned home to his family. He indicated he'd had several contacts on that particular case. But the point is he indicated his full cooperation and be was engaged. I assume that means making contacts, and we thank him for it. He had nothing to report, to announce, Q: Are you hopeful?

Dole: I thought it was hopeful. Q: (Inaudible about Syria's role in the peace process.) Dole: Well let me answer that,

then I'll be happy to yield to my colleagues. I think the point that of my colleagues made is that President Assad can play a very prominent role in this process. And we want him to understand that we fully understood that, that he could be a positive force for good. I think that Sen. Simpson indicated it would be approved widely around the world if he took a lead position in an effort to bring about peace in the Mideast. We pointed ont that in Eastern Europe and in Latin America, nearly everywhere in the world, we're finding more and more evidence of more freedom, more democracy. But the Mideast seems to stay pretty much the same. So our mission was to underscore the importance of Syria, the government, but primarily President Assad, with reference to the Mideast. That includes Lebanon, it includes, obviously, other countries. Let met let somebody else respond to Metzenbaum: I think we made

it clear that we felt that no single individual could have more impact in bringing about peace in the Middle East than Mr. Assad, and I think it's clear that when the whole world is moving toward peace, that peace is particularly called for in the Middle East. The conditions with respect to the economy, the conditions with respect for a need for a joint effort for water, mitigates strongly for a peaceful settlement in this part of the world. Mr. Assad indicated he felt the need for a total resolution of the differences that exist. Some of us indicated that we felt he could be an effective

spokesperson if we indicated a willingness to go to the peace table without any preconditions. I'm not exactly certain that Mr. Assad indicated a willingness to do just that. I'm not certain we moved him much as far as his willingness to be that leader, but I hope that the message that we delivered to him will not leave him untouched. I think all of us feel that be can do much, and that be is needed in this part of the Q: (Inaudible about funds to

house Jewish settlers in the occupied territories). Metzenbanm: It's not my

understanding that the United States has any plan to fund new housing settlements in the occupied territories. It is my understanding that we're inclined to provide assistance for new housing in Israel, but we are not addressing ourselves, we are not planning, nor do. I understand that Israel intends in any way to use those funds in the new terri-

Q: How do you expect the United States to play a neutral or positive

Dole: Let me say this. I don't look upon what U.S. Senate did as particularly meaningful, It was a voice vote. It wasn't a record vote. Our policy on Jerusalem, the adminsitration's policy on Jerusalem - I'll speak for the administration's and mine - is that it should be an undivided city, but the final status of Jerusalem should be left to negotiation. That is precisely the position of this administration and I think that the resolution that was passed was simply a sense of the Senate. It has no impact, no effect. Apparently word has gotten over here that we passed something like that. That's in ssence what it was.

Q: How do you evaluate your visit to Damascus? Dole: My view is that he (Assad) appreciated our visit and we certainly were honoured to spend the time that we did with President Assad. We are grateful to the foreign minister for hosting the dinner that he did last evening, and to all the members of the government that we've met. Our purpose here is to let President Assad know that this is a fairly senior delegation. We've all been in the U.S. Senate for some time. It is a bipartisan delegation. We understand the need to improve relations between the United States and Syria. We also under-

stand that there are many other things that can flow from that. Let me ask Senator McClure to comment on that. McChere: I first met President

Assad in this country in 1975. I think the fact that some people like myself continue to come back is an indication of the importance that we feel for the role of Syria in this area of the world - and the importance of this area of the world for peace throughout the world. Certainly we did not bring a prescription for a final solution to all these questions, nor did we expect, in one meeting, to find the permanent and total solution to all these questions. But I do believe, if we keep the dialogue open between our countries and to aim toward improving relations between our two countries is essential to the processes of and the hopes for peace which we all share.
Dole: We want you to know we

all bad pretty much the same Simpour Yes, we did. It was a

great privilege to be part of the delegation. This is a very impressive man. He has more ple surrounding him. And we are indicating just by our presence, I hope that we are very interested in new and different kinds of relationships with Syria, and that is what this administration brings. We come at the full request of President Bush. It was a good, open, frank, very candid discussion, back and forth, lots of good - we covered every base. We had a lot of good, deep discussion, good humour, and a spirited exchange. And that's what countries should be about, just as human beings should be about.

Murkowski: Let me be more

specific. I think we have the perception in the Western World, in the United States, that this part of the Middle East is very much a tinderbox, with the realisation of the nuclear capabilities, chemical and germ warfare capability, the expansion of missile proliferation, and the realisation that there is an opportunity as a consequence of not only what is happening in Eastern Europe but the reality that there is a mood for peace; there's the organisation of a new government in Israel. And perhaps this is the time for extraordinary leadership to be displayed by all the powers in this part of the world to develop this opportunity into the realism that the peace process can be lasting. And it was a very frank and open discussion and the

hospitality extended by the president and the foreign minister is a message that we'll take back and share with our president. Q: (Inaudible about removing Syria from the terrorist list.) Dole: I think the foreign minis-

ter indicated that he felt that Congress had not been fair with Syria and I asked the question myself: What could we do to improve relations between the United States and Syria? We know, for example, that Syria needs a lot of wheat. (It) just happens that we raise a lot of that in my state of Kansas. But Syria's not eligible for the export enbancement programme because they're on this list by statute. I think it's safe to say the president didn't address it directly but he did indicate that he felt Congress may not have acted fairly. One way to do these things of course is to continue to do what they're doing now in: Lebanon, continue "tahelp us in the hostage cases not just ours but the others around the world; there are a total of 18 - and to demonstrate. as I believe we made the point, demonstrate a sincere desire, and President Assad mentioned "peace" about 20 times in the time we were there, to see if we can't get a dialogue going in the Middle East. Certainly if these things start to happen. I would predict that we could change that

Q: (Inaudible about President Assad's desire for peace). Dole: I think he has a different way of reaching it, but certainly I think be wants peace, but he hasn't changed since 1970. Q:(Inaudible about economic

particular statute.

anctions). Metzenbaum: I think some of the questions indicate that this was an unfriendly confrontation with your president. I can't say that I've always supported Syria in its position, but I felt it was a very wholesome, excellent dialogue between the president of your country and five United States senators, not all of whom totally agree on all issues. But I think is was done with much friendship, with much willingness to expiore the issues, and with a genuine concern to bring about peace in the Middle East and to help in connection with economic issues as well. So, I want to say to all of you, that those who have asked questions and who have sort of felt we're the enemy - we're not

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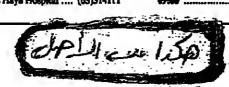
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# Queen inaugurates Zarqa income-generating project

By Lima Nabil Special to the Jordan Times

ZARQA - Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein Tuesday inaugurated the "Zarki light footwear workshop" in Zarqa, a scheme engineered by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's "Women and Development Programme (WDP)" and financed by the limited Nations Fund for Popula-108 Activities (UNFPA).

The project will provide job opportunities to 16 women of finited income or no income at al, who will be working in the workshop itself, in addition to those engaged in management and marketing the products.

The overall objective of the

erieme is to integrate women into the socio-economic develoment in Jordan, to widen the scope of their benefits and increase their income," according

The Queen toured the workshop and was briefed by WDP director Salwa Al Masri about its

Dr. Ali Atiqa resident representative of the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP) in Jordan presented the Queen with a special UNFPA study which sums up the fund's achievements and provides assessment of the WDP's programmes.

UNDP Director Darwaz Alkhas, told the Jordan Times that the "light footwear" project was one of the projects designed to involve women's contribution to Jordan's development.

"It is possible that similar projects could be set up in other regions of Jordan," according to Badia Jou'aneh chairperson of

the Zarqa Housewives Society, affiliated to the General Federation of Jordanian Women, delivered a speech at the inauguration ceremony outlining the society's projects and said the new scheme was bound to help local women do something useful and constructive to help their own families and provide products at

reasonable prices for the market. Salwa Al Masri said that the "light footwear" scheme was one of the WDP's non-traditional projects designed to involve women from the Zarqa region in socio-economic development.

"Planning for the project started in 1989 under the supervision of a technical team which will conduct supervision over the production work and make an essment," Masri said,

"All 16 women have been trained on the various stages of thoe-production lines which will turn out leather shoes for winter and summer," Masri said.



Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday tours a light footwear factory at Zarqa after opening the facility,

which is expected to provide jobs for 16 women (Petra photo)

The workshop will be supplied with leather for shoes from the Iordan Tanning Company which the Queen visited after the inauguration ceremony.

The company director presented a briefing on the leather production and said that the company produced 560,000 square feet of tanned leather for export, of which 240,000 square feet were exported in the second half of

production in Karak governorate. He spoke about the company's planting medicinal berbs in Irbid new programme and the future governorate, rabbit production in plans. "The company last year Balqa governorate, ready to wear exported \$1.5 million worth of earments in Mafraq governorate, leather shoes, and is currently dolls in traditional costumes in seeking to open new markets abroad in addition to supplying Amman, informational and educational materials, business counleather to the local market," be selling for women entrepreneurs According to U.N. officials all

in small enterprises. Among those attending the ceremony were governor of Zar-qa Mobammad Shobaki.

# Suweimeh to benefit from development plan

AMMAN (J.T.) - Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein will pay a follow-up visit to Suweimeh village Wednesday, where she will review progress in the "Quality of Life Development project" and join the villagers in a number of development and construction activities.

Suweimeh village hes at the northeastern tip of the Dead Sea - one of Jordan's most important touristic sites - at a distance of 24 kilometres south of southern Shuneb, the main entre in the fertile southern Jordan Valley, and a few kilometres from Tuleilat Ghusui, one of the country's earliest settlements dating back to the Bronze Age.

The "Quality of Life Develop-

ment Project" was formulated at the direction of Her Majesty the Queen, following a visit she made to Suweimeh in Janury 1988, where she met several local community members to acquaint herself with the village's developmental needs.

The overall developmental objective of the project is to enhance the quality of life of the people in the underdeveloped areas of Jordan through active involvement among the people and the encouragement of a positive life style.

Specifically, the project seeks

- identify the segments of the population whose basic needs must be upgraded in order to

improve their quality of bfe,
— credit viable model development schemes in selected communities to be implemented by the people with the support and full partnership of all the concerned sectors of the govern-

 expand successful intersectoral development models to a full coverage of the target segments of the population.

The project is being implemented by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation in coopertion with the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organisation, In its first phase, it will benefit three villages in the various parts

Cleanliness

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AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry

of Municipal and Rural Affairs

and the Environment announced Tuesday that it will observe Arab

Environment Day on Oct. 14 and not Oct. 24 as announced by one of the Jordanian dailies; the minis-

try said that it will organise a

special programme in observance

of Earth Day which falls on April

Khalaf Oqlah from the minis-

try's Department of Environment

said that the Arab Environment

Day is in observance of an annual

event agreed on by Arab minis-

ters responsible for the environ-

ment during a meeting in Tunis

held in 1986, and in harmony with

the ongoing programmes by the

United Nations Environment

During the 1989 celebrations

the minister of municipal and

rural affairs and the environment

said "Jordan was in the process of

preparing a regional environment

information centre in Jordan,

since for the Kingdom, environ-

ment is one of the most important

The minister said that the Kingdom's environment strategy

implemented , in cooperation

with the UNEP and through the

Roayl Society for the Conserva-

tion of Nature is designed to

control its water resources and

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The strategy, according to

ministry sources, entails combatt-

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of Environment, a special prog-ramme will be implemented on

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of the country, starting with Suweimeb. It will later involve 12 other villages which will be networked with the other three vil-

During her visit to Suweimeh, Her Majesty the Queen will: - attend a meeting of the Village Development Council (VDC) which also will be attended by representatives of the Village Clusters and the project's Tech-

nical Committee, - visit the Health Centre which offers a bealth education class for women and medical examination for village children,

- visit the Jordan Cooperative Organisation's branch and the Animal Feed Distribution outlet in Suweimeh,

- belp some villagers in planting fruit trees in their yards and inspect a number of goat houses and gardens which the villagers bave started within the project's framework.

Upon arrival at the village, Her Majesty the Queen will be received by Faleb Al Gharaybeh, Governor of Balga; Dr. Mobammad Bani Hani, the Secretary General of the Jordan Valley Authority; Dr. Abdul Majeed Abdul Hadi, the WHO Representative in Jordan; and officials of Balqa governorate and south Sbuneh district; as well as members of the Village Development Council and the project's Technical Committee which is composed of representatives of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, the Jordan Valley Authority, the Jordan Cooperative Organisation, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture,

In implementing the project, the organisers utilise the "basic buman needs concept and approach in social development, which bas been tried successfully in Thailand as early as 1983. Since then, a standard implementation process bas been developed as part of that country's

national socio-economic develop-

ment plan. Nowadays, at least

10,000 Thai villages have im-

plemented development prog-

rammes of this nature.

have been undertaken in Suweimeh:

- consensus building and social preparation in relation to the new concept and strategy among the facilitating agencies - policymakers, administrators and technocrats,

- selection and training of an intersectoral technical team of development workers at the district level (southern Shuneh).

- a survey of basic needs carried out by the people themselves using those indicators which have been developed by the intersectoral technical team.

At the same time, a village development fund will be estab-lished with WHO support and contributions by the village people themselves. The fund will be responsible to support the community-based development

The basic needs survey showed that Suweimeh bas a total population of 1936 (1989 estimate). These constitute 224 families living in 146 houses and 23 tents. Around 28% of the population are engaged in agriculture, 2% in trade and 31% in services and tourism. The largest group (around 39%) are employees in the private and public sectors (including the Armed Forces).

The survey showed that the people were "very poor" in organising and/or attending public gatherings and functions; participating in clubs and societies; disseminating information; and maintaining public property. Around 85% of the females (wives only) and 45% of the males (husbands only) are illiterate. Half the women receive no ante-natal or post-natal care, while 40% of them deliver with out proper attendance.

There were only 6 sanitary latrines. Nearly 97% of the houses bad no latrines and 80% of them had minimum requirements for good housing. Two thirds of the family garbage containers were uncovered, while one third of the bouses had sewage and stagnant water problems.

# National Aid Fund — a timely help for thousands

By Hana Darwazah Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The National Aid Fund for the poor is embarking on a project in which the fund will locate the needy in the country and provide them with financial assistance rather than awaiting for the needy to seek them out,

According to Khalil Faouri, director general of the fund. the established 15 field offices located in various parts of the Kindom are not sufficient for creating awareness of the existance of the fund and "there still exist large numbers of poor people who have no idea that it is there.'

The fund plans to enroll the assistance of schools, the local police, various clubs and word of mouth to assist its fieldworkers in locating poor people.

Times in an interview that in

1989 the fund assisted 10,500

families or approximately 100,000 individuals per month. This assistance took on many forms, such as a monthly salary of up to JD 40 per family.

But more importantly, according to Faouri, the fund tries to encourage people to rely on themselves "by offering them training programmes in a useful trade such as carpentry or car mechanics for example, "After training a needy but capable individual, the fund offers him up to JD 3,000 to start his own business. Almost 65 per cent of this sam can be paid back, interest free, over 10 years or more if need be, while 35 per cent is an outright

Since the fund was established in October 1986 at least 500 such projects have been initiated successfully. These projects are, according to Faouri, periodically followed

up and further assistance is

offered if necessary.

In accordance with its policy of "helping people to rely on themselves," the fund also bas a programme for helping the physically bandicapped become socially productive members of the work force.

"If a handicapped person is willing to work, but is mable to do so due to his deformity we help him out any way we can," Faouri said. The fund may provide him with a mechanical device such as a hearing aid or a wheel chair, "or we might try to find him employment by contacting local firms," according to Faouri.

It is noteworthy that any person receiving assistance from the fund automatically becomes eligible for the government health insurance plan.

Another task of the fund is homes with foster homes. In these cases, the children's rela-

tives usually approach the fund offering to take up the children in their own bomes. After studying each case including the child's own bome and the relatives' bome, a recommendation is made and a committee from the fund makes

the final decision. The fund

offers JD 20 a month for each

WDP-initiated schemes are fi-

nanced by the UNFPA and these

include: bee-keeping and honey

child taken in; The fund also tries to find homes, preferably with relatives for older people who have noone to look after them. Again JD 20 are offered a month for each person taken in.

In answer to a question by the Jordan Times on the criteria which defines poverty; Faouri said that the fund employs a large number of field social workers, who, upon encountering a needy family, would assess the level of poverty supported by legal docu-ments to that effect, for example the death of the family's earner.

The social worker would then present a report to a committee consisting of the field office's director, the bead of the concerned section, and the field worker himself. A recommendation would then be made and passed on to the main directorate which would act accordingly. This process usually takes less than a week according to Faouri.

The fund, which is an independent organisation affiliated to the Ministry of Social Development, is currently trying to coordinate with the ministry so as to cut down on its office work expenditure and reallo-cate its funds to benfit a greater number of people.

The fund's budget which is allocated by the government has almost doubled in 1990. In 1989, according to Faouri, JD 2,200,000 were allocated to the fund, while in 1990, the budget is JD 4,750,000.

# **Union leaders** to meet May 12

AMMAN (J.T.) — A conference for Arab presidents of professional unions will open in Amman May 12 to be followed by a march to the bridges across the River Jordan, according to Dr. Mamdouh Al Abbadi, president of the Jordanian Medical Association

(JMA). "On May 14, a total of 5,000 people including presidents of the professional unions taking part in the conference will march to the bridges in a show of support for the Palestinians and in protest against continued occupation of Palestine," Abbadi said.

He told the Jordan Times that those expected to take part in the march will represent various unions; public and private organisations, refugee camps and journalists from Jordan and the Arab

"The march to the bridge is designed to increase the Arab # governments' attention towards taking proper action vis-a-vis the Palestinian problem and the continned Jewish immigration into Palestine," he added.

Abbadi, who will address a press conferenc Wednesday to give further details about the conference and the march, said the conference was expected to discuss the question of Jewish immigration from the Soviet Un-

Abbadi, who is secretarygeneral of a National Committee for the Support of the Palestinian Uprising, last month held a press conference where he announced that the committee had raised JD 489,227 in the first three months of 1990 - for the benefit of the Palestinian people under Israeb

Last year the committee collected more than a million dinars which were distributed to the families of martyrs and the

# **Cabinet endorses family** health survey scheme

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet Tuesday endorsed an agreement for carrying out a fertility and family health survey, already con-cluded between the Ministry of planning, the General Statistics Department and the American Insti-

tute for Resources Development. Under the agreement, the Institute will provide \$247,553 towards costs of conducting the survey, which aims at collecting data on fertility, mortality, child and maternal care and pre-natal

Labour

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convene for a special session in the Tel Avi suburb of Kfar Saba

later Tnesday to approve

Labour's candidate for the

Peres and Rabin were only

expected to present a list of

candidates, but not name their

designated portfolios, said Labour legislator Shimon Shet-

Peres is the candidate for prime

minister, and Rabin, who is a

number two in Labour, is likely

to return to the post of defence

minister he left when Labour

pulled out of its coalition with

Other senior Labour ministers,

including Gad Yaacobi, Moshe

Shahal and Chaim Bar-Lev were

also expected to be appointed to

Several portfolios have already

been promised to Labour's coali-

tion partners. Agudat Israel will

receive the portfolios of housing

and social welfare. Sharir will

become minister of transporta-

tion and tourism in return for his

Several cabinet posts will be

left open for distribution to other

potential coalition partners. Peres

has said he hoped other parties

would join his government once it

has been approved by parlia-

The outgoing cabinet had 25

members, including several with-

defection from Likud.

out portfolio.

Liknel bloc last month.

the new cabinet.

cabinet.

The cabinet also agreed on the

exchange of memoranda with the West German government. Under the memoranda, to be signed soon by the Jordanian and West German governmetns, Jor-dan will get technical assistance from West Germany towards supporting the "artificial limbs" project, which will be carried out jointly by the National Medical Technical Cooperation.

In its Tuesday session, the cabinet agreed to the issuance of a stamp marking the 40th anniversary of establishing the United Nations Development Programme. The cabinet also approved the appointment of Awwad Saleh Al Lawzi, a senior official at the Central Bank of Jordan, as representative of the bank in the Postal Saving Fund's board of directors.

# to get special education

By a Jordan Times

people to extend a helping hand.

A statement here said that fering from cerebral palsy.

adjoined to a special centre to produce equipment needed by cerebral palsy cases, which would otherwise be imported," the statement said.

It said that most of the equipment will be supplied free to the patients.

tims to benefit from the holy month of Ramadan during which they can provide financial and bumanitarian assistance to needy members of the Jordanian

Bilbeisi said that the running cost of a school providing special education at the hand of specialised teams who conduct physiotherapy sessions for children is expected to reach up to JD 40,000 annually.

He told the Jordan Times that the school is urgently needed and is intended by the CPF essentially as a pilot project that can later attract government attention and donations from various

CPF's five centre located in Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, Aqaba and Salt provide special treatment for children free of charge at a cost of JD170,000 annually.

humanitarian projects.

humanitarian cause.

# **NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Prince Hassan receives church delegation

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday received at the Royal Court a delegation representing the World Council of Churebes, which is currently on a tour in the region. Prince Hassan briefed the delegation on the situation in the Arab region and the conditions in the occupied Arab territories. The Crown Prince stressed Jordan's support for the Palestinian people and explained the inherent dangers in the Soviet Jewish immigration to the occupied territories. Prince Hassan noted that the establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories is a violation of international legitimacy and described it

## Lawzi. Singh discuss Kashmir

AMMAN (J.T.) - Ahmad Al Lawzi, speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, received in his office in the House of Parliament Tuesday Indian Ambassador to Jordan Gajendra Singh. Discussions covered the strong relations of cooperation and friendship between Jordan and India, particularly in the parliamentary field. Discussions also tackled the question of Kashmir. Lawzi reiterated the Senate's attitude supporting the Simla agreement signed by and between the governments of India and Pakistan in 1972 calling for the settlement of their differences by peaceful means.

# Zarga pariev reviews press' problems

ZARQA (Petra) — Deputy Fakhri Kawar and Jordan Press Association (JPA) President Hashem Khreisat discussed Tuesday problems facing the press and ways to solve them through free democratic dialogue based on cooperation. In a seminar held at Zarga Chamber of Commerce entitled "Press and Democracy" Khreisat and Kawar discussed ways to develop the level of the media in the Kingdom and urged the enactment of a new law for publications. The seminar was attended by senator Ibrahim Taqiddin and deputies Salameb Al Ghweiri and Ziad Abu

## Chief of protocol transferred

AMMAN (J.T.) - Chief of Protocol Fawwaz Abu Tayeh has been transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra. The agency said that Abu Tayeb will serve with the rank of ambassador but did not give details. Abu Tayeb's successor as chief of protocol at the Royal Court was not

## Drug fighting needs 'global cooperation'

IRBID (Petra) - Director of the Arab Anti-Narcotic Bureau. brigadier Hashem Al Qaisi Tuesday delivered a lecture at Yarmouk University on global and inter-Arab cooperation to fight drugs and addiction. After reviewing the potential scopes of inter-Arab cooperation in combatting narcotics, Al Qaisi pointed out that the Council of Arab Interior Ministers' general-secretariat had already drawn up a provisional five-year plan (1988-1992) to address the narcotics issue in the Arab region. Qaisi noted that any effective measures to combat narcotics and addiction require global cooperation.

# Maan governor visits Tabouk

MAAN (Petra) — Maan Governor Eid Al Qatarneb discussed Tuesday with Prince Fahd Ibn Snltan Ibn Abdul Aziz, Prince of Tabouk region in Saudi Arabia, border issues and pastures. During a visit to Tabouk at an invitation extended to him by Prince Fahd, Qatarneh discussed with the prince the prospects of facilitating the travel of Jordanian pilgrims across Hala Ammar border post.

## Committee to study street maintenance

AMMAN (Petra) — Greater Amman Municipal Comittee Tuesday decided to form a committee to study the reasons for the delay in maintaining streets, including Jerusalem street, Ali Ibn Abu Taleb street, Prince Hassan street, Khawla Bint Al Azwar street, Al Muthanna Ben Haritha street and Bab Al Khalil street. The committee also approved the plan drawn up by the municipality to spend on capital projects in 1990.

#### WHAT'S GOING ON The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

time and place with the concerned institutions. **EXHIBITIONS** 

\* The Islamic book exhibition which includes books on Islam, interature, psychology, sociology, education, philosophy, law and history at Yarmouk University.

\* Exhibition of paintings by Khalii Al Kofahi at the Yarmonk University. to Comprehensive book exhibition at Ailoun girls college.

R Book exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.

THEATRE \* Arabic children's play entitled "Tales from My Grandmother's Chest" at the Royal Cultural Centre - 10:00 a.m.

A Lecture by Nelly Lanus entitled "Tapestry Through Ages" at the Marriott Hotel - 10:00 a.m.

SEMINAR Seminar, in Arabic, entitled "The Islamic Reality in the West" at the Royal Cultural Centre - 8:30 p.m.

# Institute and the German Aid for Cerebral palsy children

Staff Writer

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Cerebral Palsy Foundation (CPF) announced Tuesday its intention to open a kindergarten and a school to provide special education to children with cerebral palsy, and it appealed to wealthy

since its establishment, the CPF had provided treatment and counselling to 4,400 children suf-

"The projected school will be

The statement urged all Mus-

According to CPF Director Fakhri Bilbeisi, the school will help the children to join normal schools at a later stage.

He said that the number of children with cerebral palsy was on the increase and noted that the five CPF centres in Jordan continue to provide treatment free of

organisations. According to Bilbeisi, the

Bilbeisi said that the CPF would continue to organise its annual campaign during October each year, so as to raise funds from the public to help finance its

School and university students normally take part in the campaign, distributing pamphlets and collecting contributions for the

# **Jordan Times**

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# Here come the senators

THERE are many ways to deal with the U.S. Senate's Resolution Number 106 purporting to grant Israel full control over Jerusalem. The simplest way is to ignore it as an utterly useless and immoral act that has won for the U.S. Senate contempt from more than one quarter. As a matter of fact. this was not the first time that the Senate had put its feet in its mouth nor will it be the last. One reason why the Senate went as far as it did, in an open defiance of official and long standing American policy on Jerusalem as well as that of international law and norms, may have been recognition of its own limitations on forging American foreign policy. In other words, the U.S. Senate has taken for granted that its ridiculous pronouncements on Jerusalem are academic and in the final analysis the status of Jerusalem will never be determined in the U.S. Senate. Another way to confront the resolution is to have Arab governments, parliaments and political institutions hold the U.S. Senate accountable for exceeding the law and ethics on the issue of Jerusalem and to ask the simple question: Since when do American congressmen have the legal or moral authority to decide the fate of issues in a manner contrary to international and national norms. In reprisal for the move, if reprisals were the name of the game in such instances, an Arab parliament could stand up to declare the U.S. Senate an outlaw body that stuck its nose in a matter which it is not entitled or equipped to deal with.

A third course to take vis-a-vis the American lawmakers would be to seize upon the opportunity of the visiting U.S. Senate delegation to express the country's anger and indignation at their House's unwarranted interference in the sensitive subject of Jerusalem. Hospitality and courtesy are one thing and swallowing a big insult is another. Jordanians have not asked in the past nor are they likely to ask any individual American not to come here and visit. But such bospitality should not prevent us from speaking frankly and honestly with visitors, be they individuals or U.S. senators. Those Jordanians who will meet with their senators will probably supply them with literature on the question of Jerusalem and argue for legitimate Arab rights in the city. They may even express smpathy with the mechanics of U.S. electioneering. Still, they should also express our people's indignation in no uncertain terms at the Senate's infamous decision. After all it is the whole American credibility which is at stake here, not to mention the U.S. Congress intellectual worthiness. The U.S. Senate must know that resolution or no resolution by the U.S. Senate, the Arab side will continue its legitimate struggle to liberate Jerusalem from Israel's occupation.

## JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

The formation of the Royal Commission to work out a national charter for Jordan is the first step towards laying down the basis for building up an ideal democratic state in which representatives of various spectrums will be able to contribute to the success of the democratic process, said Al Ra'l Arabic daily in an editorial Tuesday. The paper said that the proposed charter is bound to encompass all schools of thought and ideologies and all political affiliations and tendencies so as to serve as a true base for democracy and pluralism. The charter will mean pooling all resources and potentials, and the commission members will be hard at work to work out such an umbrella that would involve all sectors in the process of unifying the Jordanian family's efforts towards further construction and development and towards confronting the threats and dangers posed to the Kingdom, said the paper. The election of Parliament in the past year is among the numerous achievements in which all Jordanians can take pride; but with the introduction of the national charter, the country is bound to enter a new phase of serious endeavours on the part of all Jordanians as the King has promised the nation, and in true commitment to the concept of democratic rule, the paper

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily on Tuesday notes that those responsible for the country's economic difficulties and those who are in a position to steal public funds still hold their positions. Tareq Masarweh says that unless the government carried out a wide scale purge throughout its various institutions to flush out the "bad people" and unless the government was backed its action by a law enacted by parliament, the situation would not change. It is not difficult for the government to take this measure, and it should do so as long as the ordinary citizen is shouldering the heavy burden of the economic restructuring programme which was agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the writer notes. He says that Jordanian citizens would no doubt accept this burden and would be willing to offer further sacrifices if they saw the government serious in amputating corruption once and for all, from all departments and public institutions. The Jordanian citizens, the writer adds, have already accepted the present situation of soaring prices as wages and salaries remain frozen, but it is their right to see the national institutions free of all corruption created by those elements who had amassed wealth at the expense of their nation and their people.

Sawt Al Shaab daily commented on the outcome of the Jerusalem committee meeting in Rabat which discussed in detail the question of Jewish immigration into Palestine and urged the United States to stop its financial aid to Israel and called on Europe to close centres which process the immigration of Jews from the Soviet Union to occupied Palestine. The paper said that the committee which met under the chairmanship of King Hassan of Morocco recalled that Romanian and Israeli aircraft have in three days' time carried 2,500 Jews to occupied Palestine and said that the Arabs are determined to put an end to the immigration and to protect their national interests.

Economic Forum

# Trade deficit: Blessing or curse?

DUE to a certain ailment. I had to give up teading the Economist, Business Week, Financial Times and Wall Street Journal in the period November 1989 through January 1990. As I cannot afford to miss reading any of the editions of these publications, I started reading the back issues and was most happy to read P.C. Robert's article in Business Week (Nov. 13, 1989) headed "Time to trade in our old notions about deficits." I invite the readers to a review of the main theme of this most enjoyable article whether they dispute or approve it.

Roberts rejects the twin-deficit theory which blames the budget deficit for the trade deficit. His empirical evidence was the trade surplus enjoyed by Canada despite a budget deficit that is proportionately larger than that of United States. Another different but telling evidence was Britain's record trade deficit despite a large budget surplus.

However, the most admirable part of Roberts' theorisation was his argument that the

trade deficit, (or more accurately the current account deficit as this account encompasses the trade balance) is a symptom, so to speak, of the confidence in the national economy. Countries with investment opportunities that attract capital, whether their own or that of foreign countries, so runs his argument, enjoy surpluses in their capital account. which require offsetting in their current account or balance of trade. A surplus in the capital account can be a sign of success because it indicates that a country can attract its own capital and that of others. In contrast, countries with trade surpluses, such as Japan and West Germany, are exporting both their capital and

To explain the situation for non-specialist readers we recall that a current account deficit must imply that it is financed from external horrowing: otherwise the existence of such a deficit is impossible. If the deficit widens, external borrowing, or more accurately capital flows, will have to ex-

their goods.

pand proportionately. In still more expressive terms, as capital flows dwindle so does the current deficit. If they dry up, the current deficit will be eliminated as the respective country will have no funds to pay for imports of goods and

Roberts' argument plausibly rests on the notion that capital inflows are the independent variable. This means that they occur in response to factors that strengthen the confidence in the national economy. Capital thus earned is used to finance more imports which mean wider trade deficits. As surplus countries, such as Japan and West Germany, look for (deficit) countries to which to export their financial surplus, they pick up the ones with the strongest economies. Here lies Roberts' notion that trade deficits signal bealthy economies which muster the confidence of investors, i.e. suppliers of capital in the form of loans or medium and long

Does this mean that we can rejoice at Jordan's chronic

term investments.

trade deficit or at least its occasional current account deficit? Certainly not; the analysis above is not applicable to developing countries or at least to countries whose currencies are not freely convertible.

To grasp the interrela-tionships involved in the above analysis, we have to remember that the related lending by surplus to deficit countries is a spontaneous process which materialises automatically through the complete and unlimited acceptance by the surplus country of the currency of the deficit country in settlement of its dues arising from its exports to the deficit country. The condition of complete and unlimited acceptance is satisfied only in the case of freely convertible currencies. In this case the funds received will technically be a loan easily transferable to third parties through the simple action of surrendering them to other countries to settle any transactions. The third countries can roll this loan to others, and so on and so forth, in an almost endless process that perpetuin the case of banknotes, a grant for all practical purposes. The dollar banknotes circulated outside the U.S. are interest-free loans provided to the U.S. and are amortised only when they are used in payments made to American residents. But because there is always a certain amount of these banknotes abroad, afloat

so to speak, this loan is practi-

cally a grant extended to the

U.S. by the holders who might

ates this loan which becomes,

be very poor persons or coun-The currency of a developing country, say Jordan, is not freely convertible and thereby is not accepted for the settlement of international payments. When it runs a trade deficit, Jordan has to finance it from its foreign exchange reserves (i.e., accumulated balance of payment surpluses). If these do not suffice, external loans have to fill in the gap. It can not rely on foreign investment to do the job of financing because its absorptive capacity is limited as well. Foreign in-

servicing itself by itself because if it is not profitable, it will reap no return. Foreign loans bave to be serviced no matter how productive or unproductive they are. And the capacity of a developing country to borrow is limited. Thus a developing country ends up with the worst of two worlds, that is a trade (or current account deficit) and a ballooming external

Dr. Abdallah Malki

The current account encompasses the balance of trade, the balance of services and the balance of the so-called unrequired transfers which are nothing but grants from other countries. These grants are used by recipient developing countries to finance the deficit in their balance of goods and services. When they diminisb for whatever reasons, the external indebtedness starts to swell until it reaches unmanageable volumes. Here start all the sorts of headaches such as IMF intervention, rescheduling and the rest. You of course heard about these headaches in Jordan last year.

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are well informed on this subject. I merely recall some facts to you out of concern for the success of our transition to democracy and our commitment to institutionalising and protect-ing it, to ensure that it fulfills its bright and pure promise, which is befitting of our people who will reap

If the concern to protect democracy and preserve its bright promise is to be meaningful and guaranteed, it should not be limited to me alone. Itt should be universal and shared by all. To realise this, our concern should transcend emotions and good intentions to become institution including and committing everybody. This means that society must be bound by a social contract that is pivoted on democracy and founded on the constitution, finding shelter in it and, at the same time, protecting it. Care for democracy and warm Care for democracy and warnings against digressions from its noble aims are not sufficient.... "God may choose to implement through authority what he did not implement through the Koran." Hence come our meeting which, as I mentioned, is the beginning of the second phase in building democracy and taking it beyond constitutional text to a tangible reality. Our task in this phase will be to draft a national charter that eves a national consensus, in preparation for the practice of political pluralism. I have launched the idea and defined the objective, but only in the certainty that I acted through my absolute conviction, and that of all the people, that constitutional parliamentary life is our common choice, and the path from which there will be no turning back. It is the choice which we shall protect and care for, so it can take root and grow solid with time, reaping benefit to our nation and future generations.

Before discussing the features of the proposed social contract, I find it important to explain and clarify some impressions and concepts. The fact that should be remembered is that this decision came immediately after the disengagement of legal and dminsitrative ties with the West Bank in July 1988. This decision was followed by the

amendment of the election law in preparation for elections, after removing the obstacle that had hitherto prevented them. Hence, the decision to initiate the transition to democra-cy, primarily by holding general elecs, came by our initiative and by our conscious will, as an expression of itment to the constitution. Anyone who thinks that I was comfortable with the situation which prevailed in the absence of an elected parliament, or that I was happy bearing most of the burden, is mistaken. In the absence of full institutional participation, I had to exert ex-traneous efforts to monitor general tendencies and keep abreast with the various positions and interpretations through all available formal, journalistic, and personal channels, to seek guidance from them and deduce the correct position and the sound policy ised the general good, in maintaining national security or contiming the process of development and progress. In other words, I, as an individual, had to try to compensate for the efforts of the absent parliament. This was the only available choice to fulfill the respon sibility in view of the circumstances that prevailed, over and above my national and international responsibilities which I continue to bear. At that time, I could only hope for the day when institutional participation be-came a reality, and the representaopportunity to achieve that aspiration and fulfill that duty.

the social contract. You may remember that my first distinct reference to . First: Most political organisations

# **King addresses Royal Commission** Second: Every one of those parties

was not unique to Jordan, since many societies in the developing and de-veloped worlds have passed or are passing through a similar experience for one reason or another.

It was only natural that all intellec-

tual and political groups in our society should confront this painful situation, diagnose it, and offer opinions on ways to cure it.

Despite some co on some aspects of the problem, there were differences and contradictory views on others. This revealed a considerable level of intellectual confusion, which was, basically, the result of disagreements among some of these groups on certain fundamental principles and ultimate objectives of

We had already committed ourselves to holding parliamentary elections; but it became evident that elections, in themselves, would be an insufficient remedy. That would have meant entering the phase of par-liamentary participation with varying convictions on some of the fundamental tenets and percepts upon which the Kingdom is founded. That would have certainly paralysed our ability to solve our problems and cope with the grave challenges and dangers facing our nation in the present critical circumstances of which you are means to build and mobilise, and an incentive to release talents and rejuvenate individuals and institutions. as well as a cornerstone of our national security, then it becomes essential that we agree on a broad and flexible framework for national action. This mework will be the charter. As I stated earlier, the charter will not be a substitute for the Constitution. It will posit basic visions and national concepts that determine the functioning of the state. It will constitute a regulator of the state's various activities in politics, economy, security, social affairs, and culture.

Doubtless, you are aware that some of our basic national concepts need to be clarified, while others from past decades, need to be revised, in the light of changes in our society which resulted from national development and interaction with the

I am certaint hat you are able to fulfill this task in view of your wide culture and experience, deep commitment, insight, and awareness of the affairs and concerns of our society.

You have been selected for this august task because you are among the elite which fived the woes and hopes of the country in your thought, work, and heart. You have devoted your lives to the progress, security and liberty of the nation. I know, as I talk to you, that you collectively represent the various schools of poli-tical thought in Jordan. It is natural for civilised people to differ on matters of approach, but they agree on principles and objectives. Differences in opinion among such people enrich their ability to excel and progress to realise greater achievem able to safeguard them. Differences in outlook remain legitimate and per-missible as long as they do not contradict the constitution, lead to strife. tear the fabric of national unity, imperil the security of the state, or suppress our Arab national identity. A glance at our past, specifically, before the past three decades, requires us to reaffirm the right which the Jordanian Constitution grants in holds the right of Jordanians to form political organisations and parties, provided that their objectives are legitimate, their methods peaceful, tives of the nation did their share of and their covenants compatible with bearing responsibility and making de- the Constitution. In those days, percisions. Finally, the decision to disen. mission was given to form political gage legal and administrative ties with organisations and parties in comthe West Bank provided the right pliance with our belief in the democratic process, and our commitment to uphold the Constitution.

The decision to disengage legal and the decision to decision the decision to decision the decision to decision the decision that the decision the decision that the decision the decision that t There is no need to dwell on the Bank opened the door for general life. The outcome of that experiment elections; but it was the events of last was not positive. I need only point to April that inspired the need to renew two factors, which our generation

a national charter came immediately in those days did not conform to after the events of last April. Those legitimate and universally accepted events revealed important facts, para- conventions. The positions of their mount among which, was that our local followers were governed by the society was living in a state of positions and dictates of their leaders socioeconomic tension. This tension from abroad.

#### acted as if it, alone, held the truth and possessed the wisdom to serve the

public good.

The leaders of those parties overlooked the most important principle of democracy, namely, that nobody

has a monopoly on truth, and that, to make such a claim is, in itself, a type of closed mindedness and fanatici that destroyed it. Democracy is based on dialogue. The output of the state's activities in legislation, decision mak-ing and political positions is the result Because each party believed that it

had a monopoly on the truth, it viewed other parties as the enemy. Some of them went so far as to regard the regime that gave them this democratic umbrella as an enemy that should be liquidated. Conseque democratic process changed from one that serves society, to action that sought power at the expense of democracy and the interest of the citizens. In their quest for power, those people allowed themselves to break another tenet of political pluralism which is to refrain from violence. They competed with one another to infiltrate the Armed Forces, believing that this was the shortest and most expedient means to achieve their ends. There is scarcely any need to remind you of involvement in politics wherever a society allowed that to happen. It was necessary to uphold the principle of keeping the army profes tant from political strife, shielding the country and the great Arab Ntion. This will remain one of our most sacred principles. We are in agreement, I believe,

that the outcome of that experiment was much harm to the nation, the people, and the political parties themselves. Had everyone avoided this result we would have been spared the absence of political pluralism over many years. I have always been very

the only guarantee of national unity. It constitutes the threads of different colours that weave the fabric of our national unity. Agreement on objectives should always be the deterrent against claiming to monopolise truth and seeking to impose that monopoly on others by force or other forms of malpractice. In that period, there developed a misunderstanding among these organistions, which may have not been deliberate in the early stages. Its cause may have been that the formation of these political organisations and parties came in the early days of independence, very shortly after the period of nation building had succeeded that of national libera tion. There developed confusion which was at times deliberate and at others inadvertent, over the duties political forces. This confusion reflected itself directly and clearly on the concept of nation building which is the responsibility of everyone, on the one hand, and the quest for

Despite the responsibilities imposed on Jordan by its location and ontlook, Jordan surmounted innumerable challenges and obstructary life, it enters a new phase, determined to solve its problems and face its challenges with capability. We must bear in mind our most prominent attribute, whose nobility and efficacy have stood the test of time, and which (reaffirms) that the constitution will always be the binding criterion of commitment, opinion, and work.

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objective of a few.

Jordan is the legitimate heir of the Great Arab Revolt, whose ideology and objectives are not limited to political or military emancipation, but dimensions: Progress, which means releasing all the nation's energy to opinions or viewpoints.

security; and unity, which means mobilising all the nation's energies in a comprehensive manner that leads to the progress and national security of the whole Arab Nation.

vestment has the advantage of

nitment to help the Jordan's comm Palestinian people and their just cause is a historic and fateful part of its national commitment, Jordan will continue to exert all available resource to support the struggle of the Palestinian people under its national leadership, represented by the Palestine Liberation Organisation, until it achieves its just objectives of freedom and independence on its national soil.

Jordan is in a relentless, constant and earnest quest for progress, in a framework of openness and adher-ence to its national identity, which is derived from its Arab Islamic culture. In doing so, Jordan embodies another principle of the Great Arab Revolt. Our spiritual heritage is the cornerstone of our Arab culture, the basis of our existence, and the bedrock of our The building of the Jordanian

Kingdom, and its ambitious achievement in presenting a model of Arab democracy, was all achieved in a familial spirit borne of affection, rolerance, moderation, and culightened debate. It was achieved in spite of the prevailing historic, geographic and political circumstances, the disparity between resources and population, and the military burden of pro-tecting the longest line of confrontation with Israel. Despite the various influences to which our country was exposed, differences in opinions, ideas and outlooks, remained too small to touch the sacred fabric of our national unity, or to subject our country to the affliction of others, in the deterioration of human relations. harsh settling of scores, or the rejec-tion of rational arbitration in debating

In conclusion, I am happy to en-trust you, in the name of the Arab Jordanian people, with the noble task which we pledged to perform before ourselves and our people, to draft a national charter which achieves a national consensus and embodies the foundations on which the Kingdom stands, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Constitution. The charter should be the true practical reflection of our cultural essence, and our deep awareness of the lessons learnt from our experience and that of others. It should meet the requirements of development and national security. It should constitute the shield that protects democracy, the landmark that defines direction, and the criterion that identifies the right approach. It should be the reference that guides government and other institutions of the Kingdom in the ideas they posit, the policies they draw, and the plans they draft. It should help us achieve our goals of prosperity and progress in its national and regional dimensions, as defined by the challenges of our time and location, by human interaction, scientific achievement, and global change.

The problems and challenges that face us are tangible. They are neither illusions nor mere utterances, but material facts and real problems related to the resources of Jordan, its location, and its national standpoints. Our people live these problems and hope to see them solved, not to he sterile debate about them, nor to have their attention distracted from them to illusory causes, away from the national interest of building a secure and prosperous future. We must remember that all the people and the state, in all its branches are all in the same boat. No one whosoever will be allowed to rock that boat. May God grant you success in bearing the responsibility. We know your knowledge, honesty, capability, and sense of belonging, to complete it in all possible speed and with due

I pray to God to direct us to the right path and grant us assistance and strength to fulfill His will.

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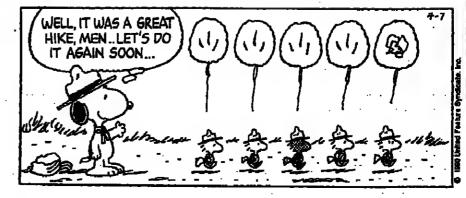
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## Peanuts







# With 'friends' like these, who needs enemies?

IN THE eighties, and probably before, a certain U.S. congressman from New York used to drop in on us here in Jordan to check on what was happening to the peace process during that period and ask his usual awkward questions. The man, apart from being Jewish-American himself, was so pro-Israel that some of us Jordanians who had met with him started to ask some awkward questions ourselves. Why should we meet with such an automatically pro-Israel, instinctively anti-Arab U.S. representative? Could we possibly taper his pro-Zionist bigotry or preempt him from slandering us politically when he moved on to visit Israel next and he went back to Capitol the unthinkable, Hill? Why should such a blind protector of Israel be allowed to come here again when all his previous visits had ended in new crusades against Arab policies and the Palestinian cause in the U.S. Congress and in the streets of New York?

Answers to these questions were attempted and volunteered by some government officials sometimes, but mainly by Arab-American organisations and pro-Arab lobbyists in the U.S. and by American diplomats here. Government officials usually maintained that channels of communications should remain open with American lawmakers so that the Israelis did not step in to sabotage what was left of the potentially useful Arab-American dialogue. Arab-American organisations went around in Washington looking for senators and representatives and their staff to invite them to make the rounds in the Arab World. As to American diplomats, well, they or some of them at least, would imagine

Stephen Solarz, the congressman whose story appears above, is the protector of Jerusalem as the property of Israelis alone, they would say. Without Solarz and his positive influence on Capitol Hill (on behalf of the Arabs presumably) Congress would have long adopted a resolution recognising Jerusalem as the capital of

Israel, one senior American diplomat once said. As it turned out the most pro-Israeli congressmen were really our good friends, and we did not know it. It was that funny.

Solarz may or may not be reigning supreme still as subchairman of the sub-committee on Asian affairs of the House of Representatives. But what matters is that he is not coming to visit us any time soon. Instead, some five of his colleagues in the Senate are dropping in on

The timing of their visit is interesting, since at least some of these gentlemen have just voted Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel. It was a voice vote in the Senate's session that adopted the resolution, and, therefore we could not exactly figure out who was among the 84 senators who supported the resolution and why. We do know, however, that what Senator Dole said in Damascus in commenting on the resolution was not enough to dispel our fears about the Senate's dangerous position on

By Nermeen Murad

Jerasalem.

Now, how the gentlemen who voted for the infamous resolution have the audacity to come here, to visit no less than four Arab countries, saying they are on a mission of peace, we do not know.

How they can be welcomed to visit the four Arab states is another of the old/new awkward questions that we have to ask ourselves. What kind of peace Dole and his fellow senators are looking for, when they have continusouly trampled on all that may have contributed to peace-making in the area? Are these gentlemen really taking themselves seriously or are they intentionally immersing themselves in ignorance and political

Senators who voted to give Jerusalem to the Israelis without an iota of right on their side should be talked to about the folly of their recent action. They should be told to cleanse themselves from the political dirt that the Israelis keep

naivete?

throwing at them.

Lest they forget, the Jerusalem resolution that they have adopted is not only morally and ethnically and historically wrong. It is also contrary to what they themselves implied in the language used in the resolu-tion of March 22.

Not only is Resolution 106 based on false pretexts and Israeli fabrications of the truth, it is also in contradiction with the United States administration position on the issue of Jerusalem since 1967. Or do we need to remind the peaceloving senators that Jerusalem has been considered an integral part of the Israeh-occupied Arab territories by all successive U.S. administrations since the 1967 war?

The assumption by the U.S. Senate that Jerusalem "has been a united city," administered by Israel since 1967, is in direct contradiction of United Nations Resolution 242 which has been accepted by the world over, including the U.S., as au integral part of any peace pro-cess in the Middle East. Have our visiting senators forgotten international law which clearly forbids occupying powers from annexing occupied territory by force?

In drafting the resolution, its sponsors said that since its occupation of the city by the Israelis, "persons of all religions faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy sites within the city." This is another indication of either the naivete of the U.S. Senate or an example of how facts could be distorted to serve illegitimate Israeli interests and designs. Has anybody in the U.S. Senate been reading the newspaper reports of Israeli harassment of Muslims and Christians heading to their holy places? Or is that immaterial to them, just like U.N. resolutions and interna-

As for mention in the resolution that Israeli citizens were prevented from visiting the holy places in East Jerusalem between 1948 and 1967, it seems that our friendly senators need

tional law?

to go back to their history and refused to listen to what he books for an hour or two. If had to say, how could we allow they did, they would instantly them a forum to say what they become familiar with Israel's want and all they want against refusal at the time to implement the article of 1949 armistice We are not about to call for agreement allowing Jordanian Christians to visit their holy

boycotting the visit of the five American gentlemen to our country or for expelling them from our land. This country has always opened arms for people from all over the world and will continue to do so. What we are striving to say, and in this we think we reflect the thinking and feelings of the majority of Jordanians and Palestinians, is that our American visitors cannot be taken seriously as true envoys of peace in our area.

For over 23 years now, mainstream Arah politics has believed in the value of dialogue with American policymakers, and quite often in their mediation efforts to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict. This is all changing now, as we have come to realise that double-talk retards the cause of peace rather than help it, and that automatic anti-Arab and pro-Israeli policies will lead nowhere

# **U.S. senators due today**

(Continued from page 1)

alike were questioning the purpose of the visit "only a few weeks after the adoption of resolution of Jerusalem and the fuss about Iraq."

As if to address at least part of the questions, Dole said after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo Tuesday that the delegation had added Baghdad in its schedule and would proceed to the Iraqi capital Thursday.

Mnbarak "picked up the phone and arranged a meeting on Thursday" for the senators with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Dole told journalists. The Egyptian leader's action followed his discussions with the Senate delegation on American-Iraqi relatioos, which have taken a plunge in the wake of U.S. and British charges that Baghdad sought to acquire triggering devices for atomic bombs and a subsequent, though unrelated, expulsions of an Iraqi diplomat from the U.S. and an American diplomat from Baghdad.

According to Dole, "one thing we discossed (with Mnbarak) was Iraq and our relationship and the fact that we are trying to see President Saddam Hussein," Dole said.

"We just went to listen (to Husein). We are not going to say 'you're wrong.' We want to hear his point of view,' Dole

the Senate delegation, which began its Middle East visit in Damascus Sunday, met with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad for what Dole described as "frank and constructive talks" on the situation in Lebanon, the hostages, and means of achieving peace in the Mid-dle East (see page 2).

constructive role, they're willing

to play a constructive role. That's

to a couple of the question about

details. Yes indeed we had a little

specific discussion about Gen.

Aoun's participation in Lebanon,

ing about was a process rather

than the individual elements of a

settlement, because there will

certainly be no settlement of

those individual issues unless a

process can be made to work.

We're very much in favour of the

process that have been set up in

the Taif accords, and that's the

position of our government.

We're trying to explore what we

can do to be of assistance to see

that negotiations do open, that

the parties involved in conflict

talk to each other, and try to find

an end to the conflict. But I have

no illusions that we will ever do

that if we focus only on the ends

to be achieved without looking

first at the process by which

people can sit down and talk to

each other about their problems.

discussing that in Congress, with-

out question. 1 think the impor-

tant thing here is that, as Sen.

Metzenbaum said so clearly,

there are certain windows of

opportunity that open at various

times in history for remarkable

people to fill them. And we really

do think this president - Assad

be the central figure in finally

finding peace in the Middle East.

We placed that upon him in a

very honest, sincere way, and it

was excellent. 1 came away with

great admiration for the man and

Dole: We'll meet with Presi-

dent Mobarak tomorrow, then

King Hussein on Wednesday, and

if there's a new government in

Israel, we'll meet with the new

prime minister. If not, we'll meet

with Shamir and Peres. We prob-

Q: How can Syria help with the

A: Syria has contacts with Hiz-

bollah and other groups we think

are holding the hostages. I think

with their relationship with

Tehran, they're in a strong posi-

tion, and they've been helpful.

And we thanked him for it, and

be indicated in a general way that

they were engaged at this mo-

ment. What precisely he's doing

he did not indicate. My view is

that, again in this case they

occupy the key role. We certainly

are grateful for that, as I'm sure

everyone is around the world. We

wish him success, and the quicker

for the foreign minister.

ably will in any event.

could be the person to really

pson: I think we will be

Q: Inaudible.

but primarily what we were talk-

McClure: 1 just might respond

precisely were we left it.

# 'Frank' talks in Damascus

(Continued from page 2)

the enemy. We came here because we are concerned that while the rest of the world is moving towards peaceful solotions, this part of the world is not moving very rapidly.

Simpson: I always say if I might, and it's just as appropriate here as anywhere else — as in the United States — when dealing with journalists: Is there anyone here who would like to see something work?

Dole: We take that to mean all of you (do). Q: (Inaudible question about the Golan Heights).

Dole: Well, 1 know for a fact that our ambassador just recently delivered the American position. It's not a new position, it's one we've held for a long time on the Golan Heights. Reference was made to the Golan Heights indirectly by President Assad talking about occupied territory. We knew precisely whar he had in mind, hat did we discuss how we would resolve it? The answer is no. That's going to be up to people to negotiate. But our position is, the American position, is that Israel does not have right to extend jurisdiction and law into the Golan Heights. It will be a matter for negotiation. We didn't get into those details. 1 think 1 would re-underscore whar Sen. Metzenbaum just stated. We had a very good visit. This president has a grear sense of humour, which all of you may already know. We didn't know that. We had a few laughs. We had a lot of serious discussion. We think it was beneficial. We hope it was

Q: (Inaudible about Gen. Aoun and Lebanon). Dole: Well, President Assad made it very clear that he supports the duly elected government of President Hrawi in Lebanon. We asked the question. There were some reports in the United States that Syria might be belping Gen. Aoun. He said that was not true, that he supports the Taif accords, which mean precisely what they state. My view is that we have the Taif accords because of the cooperation of the United States and Syria. I think we're hopefully moving in the right direction. I pointed out to President Assad that we have many Lebanese Americans and many Lebanese all over the world who see this war-ravaged nation and are pleading for a solution. It's a very complicated matter obviously but I think again, based on what he said today, they want to play 2

beloful all the way around.

**U.S. diplomat** 

(Continued from page 1) was unjustified," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said. An Iraqi spokesman in Baghdad linked the expulsion of the Iraqi diplomat to what be called "feverish campaigns to harm Iraq" in the West, but Fitzwater said the official was ordered out of the United States because of personal legal matters."

The U.S. Commerce Department said Monday it had cancelled an aerospace trade mission to Iraq as U.S. lawmakers prepare sanctions legislation against the Baghdad government.

State Department spokes-woman Margaret Tutwiler said Iraq's decision to expel the U.S. diplomat was "totally inappropri-

Elizabeth Dugan, a Commerce Department spokeswoman, said the Iraqi leg of the aerospace sion was called off "in light of the events of the last couple of weeks."
"We thought it was inappropri-

ate to take a group of U.S. companies to Iraq at this time,"

Nine U.S. aerospace companies signed up to travel to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iraq next month to "help U.S. companies enhance their market position overseas and gain maket exposure," the department had

"Iraq has ambitious plans for upgrading its civil aviation sys-tem, including new airports, air traffic control and related equip-

ment," the statement said. Asked whether Washington was considering economic retaliation or other sanctions against Baghdad for hinting it might use chemical weapons against Israel, allegedly smuggling U.S.-made nuclear triggering devices and executing a Western journalist, White House spokesman Fitzwater said no.

"The U.S.-Iraqi relationship is not being reassessed in that kind of context," he said.

He said the United States was "greatly concerned" about a number of Iraqi actions and noted that President George Bush had spoken out on some of

# U.S. Senate delegation — the track record

FIVE U.S. senators arrive today for a one-day visit as part of a tour that took them aiready to Syria and Egypt. The five senators leave tomorrow for Iraq. The following information, provided by the National Association of Arab Americans, sheds light on the senators' stands and voting record on a number of Middle East policy issues. Senator Allen Simpson's voting record was not available at time of publication:

**Bob Dole** (Republican, Kansas)

- Voted against the majority and against S. 1798, a hill to provide for the imposition of the death penalty for the terrorist murder of U.S. nationals ahroad. (Oct. 26, 1989).

- Voted with the majority to reject the Helms amendment to the State Department authorisation bill that would have prevented Bush administration officials from negotiating with any representative of the PLO unless the president certified to Congress that the representative had not been involved in activities that resulted in harm to an American citizen. Also voted for an administration-backed compromise on the same issue - which passed — introduced by Senator George Mitchell. (Both votes on July 20, 1989).

- Voted with the majority to approve an amendment to the State Department aothorisation bill declaring that the 1976 U.N. General Assembly Resolution 3379 maintaining that Zionism was a form of racism makes the U.N. or any of its constituent bodies an inappropriate forum for the sponsorship of any international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict, (July 20, 1989). -Cosigned a letter to Secretary of State James Baker supporting the four-point peace plan of Isreli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and urging the Bush administration to "strongly and publicly endorse" the initiative. (Letter

dated June 8, 1989). - Cosponsored the PLO Commitments Compliance hill (S. 763), a bill that would require the president to issue periodic reports on the extent of compliance by the PLO with its "commitments" regarding a "cessation of terrorism" and the recognition of Isrel's right to exist. (Bill introduced on

April 11, 1989). Cosigned a letter to Secretary of State George Shultz praising Shultz for denying PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat a visa to the United States so that he could visit the United Nations. (Letter dated Nov. 29, 1988).

Cosigned a letter to Secretary of State Geroge Shultz requesting that Shultz deny a visa to the United States for PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, (Letter dated Sept. 26, 1988).

- Cosponsored S. 1203, a bill to close PLO offices in the United States. The bill became law after being attached as an amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorisation Act for fiscal year 1988. (Bill introduced on May 14, 1987.

Charles Grassley (Republican, Iowa)

Cosigned a letter to President Bush urging him to "reaffirm the support of the United States for upholding our foreign assistance commitments to Israel and Egypt." The letter also stated that it was "vital" that the United States act vigorously to "reinforce the democratic trends in the nations of Eastern Europe.' (Letter dated Jan. 30, 1990). Voted with majority to pass S.

- Cosigned a letter to Secretary of State Baker indicating opposition to the United States "taking steps that could be seen as gener ally rewarding the PLO at this time." The letter expressed opposition to granting a visa to the United States to Arafat. (Letter dated Sept. 21, 1989). — Voted against the majority and

for the Helms amendment. - Voted to approve an amendment to the State Department authorisation bill declaring that U.N. Resolotion 3379 maintaining that Zionism was a form of racism makes the U.N. or any of its constituent bodies an in-

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mitments Compliance bill (S. 763).
— Cosigned a letter by 14 Republican senators to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens welcoming him to the United States and affirming the view that Israel must ultimately base its decisions

on peace "on its own security needs and its own sovereignty. (Letter dated March 14, 1989). Cosigned a letter to Secretary of State Shultz praising Shultz for

denying Arafat a visa.

— Cosigned a letter to Shultz requesting that Shultz deny a visa o Arafat. (Letter dated ber 26, 1988).

- Cosigned a letter to Shultz complaining of a meeting be-tween Shultz and two Palestinianhorn American citizens who were members of the Palestine Council. The letter asserted there was "no distinction between the PLO and the PNC." (Letter dated March 31, 1988).

> James McClure (Republican, Idaho)

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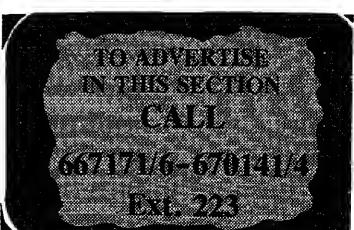
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# Arabs to launch \$500m fund to ease economic imbalances

ABU DHABI (R) - Arab Nations meet this week to launch a new fund they hope will stimulate trade between each other and help reduce growing regional economic imbalances.

Finance ministers of the 21nation Arab League and chiefs of five main Arab funds meet in the United Arab Emirates on March 14 and 15 at the Abu Dhabibased Arab Monetary Fund (AMF).

One of their main tasks will be to approve a \$500 million fund to belp balt a worrying slide in inter-Arab commerce, AMF officials said Monday.

Minimal levels of inter-Arab trade bave severely restricted economic growth, and discouraged regional investment in manufacturing and agriculture, Arab economists say.

This has led to increasing overreliance of food imports, especially to the poorer Arab countries who cannot afford them, and to rising capital and consumer goods imports from the industrialised world because there are no Arab alternatives.

AMF economist Faris Bingaradi estimates that inter-Arab cent of total Arab trade, During the past year, the Arab World has itself solidified further into three main trade blocs. Each has potential strengths but also major economic wearnesses which could be exacerbated unless they

The AMF, which is a kind of Arab International Monetary Fund (IMF), is realistie.

cooperate much more, econom-

ists said.

'Our financing scheme will not remove all obstacles blocking the flow of trade amongst Arab countries," said AMF Chairman Osama Jaffar Al Faqih to reporters ahead of the meeting.

Faqib said that high Arab customs tariffs, bureaucratic red tape, blocks on free capital flows. storage, transport, and communications problems all added to the problem.

The new fund still needs \$50 million in contributions from central and commercial banks, and development funds to reach the \$500 million target.

It will give preferential financing to locally-produced inter-Arab exports, excluding oil and gas, and the AMF forecasts it will fund up to \$1 billion per year in trade is no more than eight per extra trade by making Arab

Inter-trade between the GCC states of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Bahrain, Oman, and Oatar is particularly low at less then five per cent, largely due to their buge oil exports, and the fact their wealth buys them the best of overseas goods.

The other two blocs are the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC), grouping Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, and North Yemen, and the Maghreb Union of Algeria. Tunisia, Mauritania, Morocco and Libya.

Figures derived from international agencies such as the IMF show just how imbalanced these groupings are. The population of the whole Arab World is around 200 million.

A comparison of population, gross domestic product and total external debt shows:

how to tranfer more investment capital from the wealthy side of the Arab World, which basically means the GCC, to the developing, indebted side.

Both officials and economists are pressing for freer regional capital markets," There is now an accepted need to improve the arrangements for Arab capital marekts," Arab Banking Corp said in its latest review of the Arab World.

In this sense, the new fund is seen as merely a stopgap measure but some economists also want existing pan-Arab funds to be more active in coordinating development and shift their strategy from one of safety and security.

	Population (Millions)	Nominal GDP (Billion dollars)	Total Debt (Billion dollars)	
GCC	18	128	4	
ACC	79.5	138	113	
Maghreb	60.0	112	55	

# Japan leads 'unfair players'

dubious bonour of being the world's most "unfair player" in international markets, according to an independent survey published Tuesday.

South Korea and the United States, a vocal champion of free trade, came a distant second and third respectively, the poll of 1,800 business leaders in 34 countries showed.

The survey was undertaken by the International Institute for Management Development, a Lausanne-based business school, and the World Economic Forum,

businessmen in the Swiss Alpine resort of Davos.

Japan was perceived by 52.19 per cent of those polled as the most unfair player, followed by South Korea (8.86 per cent) and the United States (eight per

The only European country to fall into the unfair player category was France (4.86 per cent) which ranked fifth and received almost as many votes as Taiwan (6.57 per cent), which came

Brazil, with a reputation for

aggressive export policy, placed Germany third with 2.66 per sixth with four per cent, and was the last of the countries the survey listed under that category.

Japan, despite being identified as the number one unfair player, was not completely vilified by the

In ranking the three countries which were deemed the best at turning innovations into competitive products, those polled accorded Japan a huge 73.99 per cent and first place.

The United States was second with 10.33 per cent and West

South Korea and Thailand were seen as the brightest rising stars of international business, polling 34.21 and 10.02 per cent respectively.

According to the survey, the United States, Switzerland, West Germany, Britain, Japan and France in that order were seen as resting on their laurels and being complacent with past accomplishments. "All are seen to be relaxing at a time when competitiveness is becoming

# Oteiba sees \$18-20 oil price as ideal

ABU DHABI (R) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba said Tuesday that an oil price of \$18 to \$20: per barrel was ideal and he wanted this level to be kept until the end of 1991.

Oteiba also said that if OPEC's ministerial monitoring commit-

tee, which meets in Vienna next Friday, was to discuss members' quotas, and "if the market allows," the UAE would ask for what he termed a fair quota of over two million barrels per day (b/d).

The UAE's OPEC quota for the first quarter of 1990 is 1.095

# AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Tuesday, March 13, 1990

	Centr	ai Bank	Official Lates		
	Bay	Sell	French franc Japanese yen (for 100)	116.1 440.0	116.8 442.6
U.S. dollar	671.0	675.0	Dutch guilder	348.4	350.5
Pound Sterling	1083.5	1090.0	Swedish crown	108.5	109.2
Deutschemark	392.2	394.6	Italian lira (for 100)	53.2	53.5
Swiss franc	440.2	442.a	Belgian franc (for 10)	189.0	190.1

# LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tnesday.

1.6000/10 One Sterling One U.S. dollar 1.1785/95 1.7153/60 1.9310/20 1.5720/80 35.58/63 5.7970/8020 1266/1267 152.80/85 6.1960/2010 6.6290/340 6.5685/735

U.S. dollars Canadian dollar **Deutschemarks** Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns

Danish crowns

U.S. dollars

One ounce of gold 397.20/397.60

## **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**

By Reuters

SYDNEY - A round of selling by overseas investors and local institutions pushed Australia's sharemarket to a weaker close. The all Ordinaries Index fell 10.4 pts to 1,560.6.

TOKYO - Stocks dropped sharply to close more than 700 points

down, largely due to arbitragenrs beavily nawinding cash index futures positions. The Nikkei Index fell 747.66 pts to 32,620.57. HONG KONG - Stocks ended slightly softer but turnover strengthened ahead of the release of 1989 HK bank results. The

Hang Seng Index fell 5.36 to 2,887.62. SINGAPORE - Share prices closed sharply lower across the board in thin trade in sympathy with a 2.2 pct plunge in the Nikkei Index. The Straits Times Index fell 16.38 to 1,565.68.

**BOMBAY** — Share prices rallied sharply in anticipation of tax concessions for industry in the April budget to be announced on March 19, brokers said. The Bombay Stock exchange Index rose 14.14 to 688.08. Tata steel was up 4.50 at 112.50

FRANKFURT - Optimism about East German elections and investment opportunities boosted the Dax Index 21.4 points to

ZURICH - Trade centred on industrial shares. The All-Share SPI Index lost 1.9 points to 1,101.3.

LONDON (13) -An early rise on Wall Street sent the FTSE Index up 1.7 to 2224.5.

NEW YORK (13) - Blue chips showed early gains but decliners led gainers and the rally stailed. At 1717 GMT the Dow Jones Industrials were down 0.45 at 2,686.49.

The minister made his comments in an opening address to a British-sponsored oil industry seminar and in remarks to reporters after the meeting.
"(Oil) prices are fluctuating

between \$18 to \$20, that is the ideal level which I myself like to see and (would like) maintained for the rest of this year and maybe the next year," he told the seminar organised by more than 30 British firms involved in the oil industry.

"The \$18 level which OPEC bas fixed as a guiding price has been achieved and I want to say that we must be very careful when we talk about going beyond \$18," Otciba said.

He added this would give the market change to consolidate and prices might be allowed to rise to a very reasonable level" after

He told the seminar the UAE

was now producing around two million b/d but could produce at a

WASHIGNTON (R) - The

World Bank has been lax in

following its guidelines to encour-

age farm aid recipients to scale

back pesticide use, according to a study released Monday. The bank's failure to adhere to

its 1985 pesticide guidelines

threatens burnan health and the

environment and hurts long-term

agricultural growth in developing

countries, said the study by the

New York-based Consumer Poli-

tion to profoundly affect agri-

"The World Bank is in a posi-

cy Institute.

ted to that level on certain conditions, that other OPEC countries should respect their production quotas, otherwise we will feel free to produce at a rate which we feel will serve the interests of our people," he noted. Asked by reporters wbether

"But we are morally commit-

OPEC's Vienna meeting should discuss quotas, Oteiba said: "We are flexible and everything depends on the market. If the market is strong then the quota issue should be discussed provided prices remain at \$18 (per barrel). If the quota issue is discussed at the (Vienna) meeting, then the UAE will demand a fair quota."

Asked if such a quota would be more than two million b/d. Oteiba said: "Yes, if the market

If the OPEC meeting did not discuss quotas, the UAE would wait "until this door is open", he

The UAE does not recognise its current 1.095 million b/d OPEC quota.

cultural policy and practice in the Third World," said Michael Han-

both the letter and spirit of its

new guidelines, we'll continue to

see hazardous levels of pesticde

residues in foods... and Third

World economies undermined by

The World Bank provides low-

World Bank officials had no

interest loans to promote econo-

mie growth in developing nations.

spiralling costs of pesticide use,

"Unless the bank adheres to

sen, the report's author.

Study shows World Bank laxity

# M.E. food imports grow at 13% a year

**Economist highlights** 

to attract investments

By Nur Sati

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A few years ago,

before the economie crisis, no-

body beld discussions to try to

understand the value of the dinar.

It is only now, when Jordan is in a

critical condition that people are

realising the importance of a new

Dr. Ali Magableh at the De-

partment of Banking and Finance

of the Faculty of Economics in

Yarmouk University, aired this

point in an evening of lectures

and discussions on means of im-

proving the business environment

Among the topics discussed

were the present economic situa-

tion and how to improve Jordan's prospects, highlighting "the eco-nomic dimensions of foreign ex-

change rate finctuations in Jor-

dan," the title of a lecture by

He stressed the need for Jorda-

nians to diversify the menu of

foreign currency method of pay-

ments. "Therefore, one would

not rely on the dollar for foreign

transactions; additionally the risk

of fluctuations will be less,"

dan now has incentives for people

to remit their money because of

the dinar's situation, the floating

of interest rates and Jordan's

According to Magableh, fore-

ign investment in Jordan is be-

coming more attractive. An ex-

ample be cited was that of ce-

ment: Before the dvaluation, one

bag of cement which cost JD 2

was equivalent to \$6. If the same

price is kept, the bag is now

worth \$3, "This is one way to

attract investors," Magableb

The Private Services Develop-

ment Project (PSDP), in coop-

eration with the Jordanian Asso-

ciation of Certified Publie

Accountants, sponsored the evening event held at the Mar-

According to Thomas Shilen,

accounting/auditing sector direc-

riott Hotel.

Magableh also said that Jor-

awareness.

in Jordan.

Magableh.

Magableb noted.

poliltical stability.

Jordanian improvements

tor at PSDP, "we try to improve

the services sector by discussing

issues with businessmen, bankers

in Jordan for three months, be

can already detect a longing for

improvement throughout the

community. "I believe that edu-

eational discussions such as

tonight's are important and be-

neficial because they create

The evening concluded with remarks by Samih Darwazeb,

chairman of the Jordan Trade

He stressed the crucial role that

exports would play in Jordan's

economic future. Darwazeb

emphasised that it was not a

question of vast resources or

plenty of cash that ultimately

determines business success.

Rather, it was the will to succeed

and the ability to make the best of

the limited means available with-

in the economy in general and to

Darwazeb pointed to the role

of exports in allowing Jordan to

return to its previous standard of

living and then to move on to

become an affinent country. He

cited experiences of several other

states which are now major ex-

porters, noting that some of

them, although very different

from Jordan, possessed little in the way of physical wealth (eg.

Switzerland) and even were in a

state of ruin as a result of war (eg.

Japan). Today, such countries are

among the richest in the world

and enjoy a powerful export sec-

that despite many differences and

irrespective of our problems, a

change in attitude and most im-

portantly, the adoption of a team

spirit on the business and national-

levels would allow our country to move forward in the 1990's.

Darwazeh concluded by noting

the businessmen in particular.

Although Shilen has only been

and the government."

awareness.'

other factors

TUNIS (R) - Food imports into food import bill had grown from the Middle East have been growing at 13 per cent a year and could cost Arab states nearly \$90 billion by the year 2000, the Food Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said Monday.

In a report to a conference on regional cooperation in agricultural development, the agency described the food gap as serious and worrisome, particularly in cereals.

FAO Director General Edouard Saouma told the conference in Tunis that food production was consistently falling bebind population growth in the Middle East, which for FAO purposes extends from Mauritania to Pakistan and Sudan to Turkey. Arab states had performed worst in production and their

immediate comment. The bank

may soon announce more strin-

promote integrated pest manage-

ment - involving such techni-

ques as crop rotation, hardy plant

strains and use of natural pre-

Farm pesticides can still be

But the study said the bank has

epplied, but use is generally cut

not encouraged reduction of pes-

ticides. It cited one project in

substantially.

In 1985 the bank said it would

gent guidelines, Hansen said.

an average of \$3.3 billion a year in the first half of the 1970s to \$16 billion in the middle of the 1980s, the report said. Saouma said that, with the end

of the cold war in Europe and better prospects for disarmament, it could be hoped that the major powers would divert more money to development aid.

"We must ensure that the new opportunities to belp the countries of Eastern Europe do not have the effect of reducing aid to developing countries. Authoritative voices have already strongly reaffirmed the priority of cooperative action in favour of the Third World," he added.

He said constant vigilance was needed in North Africa to stop the spread of the screwworm fly.

Egypt that called for about a

nine-fold increase in use of insec-

ticides, fungicides and pesticides in

The study did find, however,

that the bank bad avoided lend-

ing money to governments to buy

farm chemicals that are banned

or restricted in industrialised

Bank pojects funded between

1985 and 1988. During that time

the bank funded 193 agricultural

and rural development projects,

The study covered 24 World

countries.

the study said.

# HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY MARCH 14, 1990

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation GENERAL TENDENCIES: You will be busy this morning getting your own affairs in order and would be wise not to try to force anything this afternoon with the moon square Mars. Don't criticise

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Improving your property now can enhance the value of your assets. Try to be off on some jaunt today for more happiness with your

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Now you can put your most talented creative ideas into daily activities. You now can wind up some secret plan you and your family want to express.

Association and general manager GEMENI: (May 21 to June 21) of Al Hikma Pharmaceuticals. Give a practically-minded ac-Darwazeb's talk was informal quaintance compliments for some good deed that person has done. Showing quiet affection for mate will bring much romantic happibut his message lay clear behind his words: Belief in oneself, will and team work will ultimately prove the winner irrespective of

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Don't let distractions from a person at a distance take you from your daily duties. A day to invite active acquaintances into your home. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Put

off going into an important issue with a younger friend until you have all the facts. This is a day to use the atmost tact in dealing with a member of your family.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Information from e distance gives the answer to your business concerns. An outside prominent associate can relieve some problem

at your dwelling. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Be off to new places with as many alert and wide-awake friends as are possible. Think of ways to lop off unnecessary expenses in

your home. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) A good day to return to recreation of a social nature you and friends have enjoyed. You and your family now can reduce your ideas to e practical success.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Your own plan of ection needs more preparation. study before being implemented at home. Show your affection for your mete now by some very prac-

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) A brilliant friend has all sorts of good ideas 10 aid you with business and finances. Invite into your home only the persons you really like.

AOUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Steer clear of persons who ant to become your friends who have an axe to grind. Use that vitality you now feel to please your

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Lots of clever ideas occur in talks et home that can aid your of constructive activity and im-

#### THE Daily Crossword by George Urquhart



1989 Tribuga Media Services, Inc. Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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port 57 Voyage 58 Goll club 59 Actress Foch 60 Profound

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# THE BETTER HALF By Harris "Stop doing that! Those points

are sharp!"

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
to Henri Armold and Bob Lee

# **ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS**

## S. Arabia, Egypt sign major accord

NICOSIA (R) - Saudi Arabia and Egypt Tuesday signed a broad agreement for economic, investment, trade and technical cooperation. The official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said the agreement was signed in Riyadh by Saudi Finance and National Economic Minister Mohammad Ali Abal Khail and Egypt's Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Youssri Mustapha. A joint Saudi-Egyptian committee began a three-day meeting in Riyadh Monday to expand bilateral ties. Abal Khail said Saudi Arabia would provide Egypt with three loans totalling 365 million rivals (\$97 million) to help Cairo finance separate development projects, including a scheme to make the Sinai desert bloom. SPA said the agreement covered the free transfer of capital, investment guarantees and the exchange of agriculture, animal and other national products and transport facilities There were no further details. Cairo and Riyadh are planning to build an eight-kilometre causeway across the narrow entrance of the Gulf of Agaba to the Sinai Peninsula.

## Iran Air starts flights to Malaysia

NICOSIA (R) - Iran Air opened its first scheduled link to Kuala Lumpur Tuesday and predicted the route would become its busiest, Tehran radio reported. It said a Boeing 747 left Tehran for the Malaysian capital to inaugurate the twice-weekly non-stop service. "In view of Iran's expanding relations with Singapore,

Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand, we think this will become Iran Air's busiest route," the radio quoted Iran Air Director Hassan Shafti as saying. Shafti said Iran Air would add Muscat, Seoul and Toronto to its international network during the next Iranian year beginning March 21, said the radio, monitored in Nicosia. The airline flies to 15 other overseas destinations in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

## **UAE** ranks third for U.S. goods

ABU DHABI (AP) - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) last year became the third largest market for U.S. goods among Arab countries, following Saudi Arabia and Egypt, U.S. Ambassador Edward Walker said Monday. U.S. exports to UAE in 1989 were \$1.2 billion, he told a press conference. Compared to 1988, when UAE was the fifth largest Arab market for U.S. goods, UAE imports from the U.S. in 1989 increased by 75 per cent, the ambassador said. "The performance was even more remarkable when considering that exports to the UAE had hit their lowest only in 1986, when they were just \$493 million," he said. The American envoy attributed the increase in exports to factors such as the UAE constant peg of its national currency the dirham, to the dollar. "At the same time U.S. manufacturers and suppliers discovered that the UAE is stable, dynamic, sophisticated and forward looking country which offers attractive opportunities not only for straight export sales but also for investment and joint-ventures," he said.

# YANDS LYNKIG

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words

THEIR KID'S COLLEGE EDUCATION SEEMED TO BE JUST THIS. PANMEC Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles AWOKE PILOT VORTEX DENOTE

Answer. He couldn't swim a struke, but he knew this - EVERY "DIVE" IN TOWN

#### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Gulf Arab soccer cup to continue

ABU DHABI (R) - The Gulf soccer cup will continue despite surprise withdrawals this year by Saudi Arabia and Iraq, the head of Kuwait's soccer federation said. "I am certain the tournament will continue. Regrettably, the Saudi and Iraqi withdrawals were for absurd reasons," Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah told Abu Dhabi television Monday. Riyadh and Baghdad have said they will organise an international soccer championship but they did not say if this will be instead of the biennial Gulf Arab Cup. Saudi Arabia boycotted the cup last month because it objected to Kuwait's choice of a mascot while Iraq withdrew after complaining about refereeing. The mascot depicted two stallions which Kuwaiti warriors rode to battle against Sandi forces 70 years ago. "We chose the mascot because we were proud of it. Arah history does not link the stallions to any one part of our region," said Sheikh Fahd. He said he still did not understand the reason for Riyadh's action, especially as Kuwait had agreed to drop the mascot. Kuwait won the march tournament. The other teams were Oman, Bahrain, Qater, and World Cup qualifiers United Arab Emirates.

#### Manttingly agrees to \$19m contract

NEW YORK (R) - New York Yankees first baseman Don Mattingly became the highest paid player in baseball history Monday when he agreed to a five-year contract extension worth an estimated \$19 million. Mattingly had told Yankees owner George Steinbrenner that he would become a free agent if he did not have a new contract by Tuesday when the Yankees were due to open their season. His agent Jim Krivacs negotiated throughout the weekend with Steinbrenner to work out the new deal for Mattingly who was in the final year of a three-year, 6.7 million contract. The new package will pay Mattingly an average of \$3.8 million annually, more than San Francisco's Will Clark who signed a four-year, \$15 million contract during the off-season. Mattingly has a .323 lifetime batting average with 164 home runs and 717 runs batted in.

#### Organisers cancel boxing fight

MILAN, Italy (AP) - Italian organisers Tuesday announced that the long-postponed world boxing Organisation (WBO) heavyweight title fight between Italian titleholder Francesco Damiani and South African challenger Pierre Coetzer has been canceled. The fight, originally scheduled for Puerto Rico in December, was recently set for the Italian spa of Salice Terme, near Milan on April 21. A spokeswoman for the organisation said the cancellation was due to Coetzer's last minute withdrawal. A new challenger to Damiani's crown was not immediately named. Umberto Branchini, manager of the unbeaten Italian boxer, said Damiani may shoot at the European title held by Frenchman Jean Chanet if a defence of the WBO title is not arranged soon. Damiani won the title by knocking oot South African Johhny Du Plooy in Messina last year. Chanet was scheduled to defend his European title against Derek Williams of Britain after a rich bout against former world champion George Foreman failed to

#### Thai retains junior flyweight title

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Thailand's Muangehai Kittikasem retained his International Boxing Federation junior flyweight title Tuesday in a decision over Indonesian challenger Abdi Pohan. In a 12-round contest at Bangkok's Lumpini stadium, Muangchai pever capitalised on his early dominance and on a third-round knockdown of the 9th ranked challenger. By round nine the champion appeared so be saving himself for other more serious challenges. Although the wiry Indonesian never looked fully in control, a complacent Muangchai allowed himself to be put on the defensive in the final two rounds. It was the 22-year-old Pohan's first defeat in 20 fights. Muangchai, also 22, last defended his title six months ago, when he stopped his South Korean challenger in the third round. All three judges, from Australia, Indonesia and Thailand, awarded the fight to the champion. They scored the bout 117-106, 116-115 and 118-112

# **GOREN BRIDGE**

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1-Neither vulnerable, as South ♥ AQJ106 The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
Pass Pass I ? ? What action do you take?

Q.2-Neither vulnerable, as South ♥AQJ106 ♥Q652 ♠K85 The bidding has proceeded: North East South Pass 1 ° Pass Pass Pass ? What action do you take?

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: **★AK762 ♥J1062 ♥4 ♣Q98** Your right-hand opponent opens

the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?

Q.4-As South, vulnerable, you hold: 4109 ♥43 ○AJ874 4AQ54 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West

2 0 Pass What do you bid now?

Q.5-As South, vulnerable, you **♣AKJ198** ♥A872 ♦ Void ♣A752 The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ 1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠ What do you bid now?

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you **♣AKJ108** ♥A872 ♥Void **♣**A752 The bidding has proceeded: East South West North 1 🛊 2 ♡ Pass What action do you take?

For information about Charles Goren's newsletter for bridge players, write Goren Bridge Letter, P.O. Box 4426, Orlando, Fla. 32802-

Look for answers on Monday.

Tel: 625155

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# Safari Rally starts today New decade of baseball begins

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) - More than five dozen cars will be raced for about one minute Wednesday in a brief, easy tuneup for one of the world's toughest motor events, the Marlboro Safari Rally.

The specially prepared cars will be racing against the clock on a 2.1-kilometre (1.3-mile) oval track on the outskirts of Kenya's captial.

Each vehicle will make but one lap to meet a requirement of the International Autosports Federation, the Paris-based ruling body of auto rallying.

The real challenge comes Thursday, when the 68 starters set out from Nairobi on a 4,000kilometre (2,480-mile) endurance test of man and machine. Fewer than half are expected to

finish the five-day ordeal that will take them over nearly impassable quagmires, razor sharp rocks, flooded streams and slippery hairpin curves on high mountain

slopes.
Mike Doughty, the Safari Rally's general manager, opted to Wednesday's so-called "super special stage" on the oval track to avoid the closure of a section of the route, which is run on public roads that range from merely bad to atrocious.

Japanese

**Everest** 

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to fly hot-air

balloon over

TOKYO (AP) — A three-man Japanese team will attempt the

world's first hot-air balloon flight

from Tibet to Nepal over Mount

Everest in early May, the group

said Tuesday. Michio Kanda, 40, the team's

leader, said the 70 million-yen

(\$443,000) adventure is to drama-

towist, sports and other officials are cooperating in the flight, he

"We will have a competition against a British expedition,

which we understand involves

Kanda said he holds the world

record for flying an AX-7 class

With less than 48 hours to go, the full route was still in question. Doughty set the course some months ago, but already has had to alter it because of heavy rainstorms that have made some sections impassable. Further lastminute changes are likely.

Traditionally, the rally runs through the Easter holidays, the wettest time of the year. The rains have been exeptionally beavy this year and wethermen Tnesday predicted continued downpour throughout the rally.

horrible time and they will actually have to battle hard," Dooghty Beside rugged roads, drivers may bave to contend with stooethrowers and herds of livestock

and wild animals blocking bush

"I expect the drivers to have a

The event is billed as "the world's greatest rally" and is fourth in the world championship circuit. It counts for both the manufacturer's title and the driver's championship.

The 38th version is divided into six sectors, which are split into

Competitors are required to cover each section within predetermined periods. Penalty points

are awarded for every minute a driver is late at a control point. The winner is the driver with the least penalty points.

Contestants range from world class drivers racing factory prepared models to private entries, mainly by local cothusiasts. The contest, however, is nor-

mally between factory entries. Among them this year are the Italian-made Lancia Delta Integrale, the reigniog world and Safari Rally champpion Massimo Biasion of Italy, chasing a third victory in a row for himself and

Other contenders for the top position are Japanese makes Subaru Legacy and Toyota Celica GT4, both four-wheel drive saloons making their debut.

Japanese makers Mazda and Nissan have not entered teams this year. Nissan, bowever, is backing its cars entered privately. Other makes in the rally are

Opel Kadette GS1, Audi Quattro, Volkswagen Golf GTI, Daihatsu Charade, Suzuki Swift GTI, and Mitsubishi Galant. The rally began in 1953 in the

former British colony of Kenya as the coronation Safari in bonor of Britain's Queen Elizabeth.

# England beats USSR in table tennis games

GOTHENBURG, Sweden (R) - Veteran Desmond Douglas led England into the team semifinals at the European table tennis championships Tuesday with victory over the Soviet Union.

The mateb to decide who woold play defending champions Sweden in the last four later Tuesday ended 5-1 to England with 18-year-old Dmitri Mazhnov the only victorious Soviet player after beating English number one Alan Cooke 24-26, 21-16, 21-17.

tise international good will and environmental problems, particu-Second place in Group A, behind the unbeaten West Germans, left England, the silver The balloon will bear the medallists two years ago, with the words, "earth, we love," and other slogans, Kanda told a news herculean task of beating the in-form Swedes if they were to reach the final again. Chinese and Nepalese aviation,

The Soviet team, 1989 bronze medallists and fourth at the world championships a year ago, found

their reliance on Mazunov and his hrother Andrei proved their

Older brother Andrei, the singles runner-up in Paris two years ago, seemed tired and lost to both the 34-year-old Donglas and Carl Prean while the Soviets' third man Samvel Vardanyan did not have the experience to help bis

West Germany, giving 16-year-old Torben Wosik his international debut, cruised to their second 5-0 win so far, beating Poland, while Sweden, resting world champion Jan-Ove Waldner, beat Hungary by the same score in their final round robin match to win Group B.

Yugoslavia just made the semifinals, despite being beaten 5-4 by Czechoslovakia in Group B.

# Polster to captain Austria

Swedish halloonist Per Lindstrand and plans to do the same villa's lony poister, scorer of 28 goals in the Spanish League this season, will captain Austria for the first time Wednesday in a World Cnp warm-up soccer match against Hungary in Salzballoon to an altitude of 12,910 metres (42,344 feet) in November

burg.
Polster, one of the heroes of He said the team will fly the Austria's surprise 3-2 win against fellow World Cup finalists Spain halloon 200 kilometres (125 miles) at an altitude of 9,500 metres (31,160 feet) from Dashitwo weeks ago, will take over the role of midfielder Manfred Zsak gang in Tibet to Mechil in Nepal who is undergoing a course of over the Himalayas in three to painkilling injections for a heel four hours.

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Along the way they will pass over the 8,848-metre (29,021-Gerhard Rodax, Austria's top goalscorer, will again link up with Poister in an attacking lineup that foot) Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain, he said. coach Josef Hickersberger hopes

SALZBURG, Austria (R) - will slice through the Hungarian boosting win ahead of the June finals.

> repeat the appalling mistakes of the first half of the match against

> "We made so many tactical mistakes then which should never have happened to a World Cup finalist," Hickersberger said.

# To ensure his team does not

Spain in Malaga, when the hosts went 2-0 ahead, Hickersberger made his squad sit for three hours studying a videotape of that half

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NEW YORK (AP) - Each decade produces its share of moments and stars, and they always seem to be there. The last decade brought Mike Schmidt's 500th home run, Nolan Ryan's 5,000th strikeout and 50 consecutive steals by Vince Coleman - all moments to be remembered.

A new era began Monay with opening day — the start of base-ball in the 1990s. If the end of the 1980s is any indication, this decade may be remembered for the ultimate union of power and speed.

There have already been some predictions.

"I think it's very possible I could steal 50 bases and hit 50 home runs," Oakland right fielder Jose Canseco said.

Canseco, who had 42 borners and 40 stolen bases in 1988, is one of the strongest hitters in baseball history and provided one of those frozen moments in time in last year's American League playoffs. In world series championship

game no. 4 at Toronto, he launched a bome run into the third deck of the skydome about 500 feet (150 metres) away. In the 1950s and '60s Mickey

Mantle found new terrain with bis power and Canseco seems on the threshold of doing some incredible things bimself

Bo Jackson has the same potential. Last season, Jackson hit 32 homers with 105 runs batted in and 26 stolen bases for Kansas City.

His home run punch keeps getting stronger.

Cincinnati centre fielder Erie Davis and Texas right fielder dominate the decade with their power and speed.

"Ruben is only 24 and players usually don't reach their prime until 28 or 29," Texas general manager Tom Grieve said. "He's

just going to get better." Last season, Sierra hit 29 homers with 119 runs. He also led the American League in triples with

Houston's Erie Anthony. Texas' Juan Gonzalez and Milwaukee's Greg Vaughn are the stars on the rise in the outfield. Sometime before the decade is very old, Riekey Henderson will

time stolen base record. "Rickey is the best leadoff man in basehall," Oakland manager Tony La Russa said. "I'm not sure we'll ever see one like him

probably surpass Lou Brock's all-

If he keeps going, Baltimore shortstop Cal Ripkeo might cause

a lot of excitement sometime in the mid 1990s. Ripken enters the decade having played in 1,250 consecutive

games but has a ways to go before threatening Gehrig's mark of

"There isn't a shortstop around who does as many things as well as Cal," Baltimore manager Frank Robinson said.

St. Louis shortstop Ozzie Smith won the gold glove in each year of the 1980s and will probably add a few to his collection in

the early '90s. Of the upcoming shortstops, Smith likes what he sees in Shawon Dunston of the Chicago

"He gained a lot of confidence Ruben Sierra also seem likely to in his ability last year," Smith

said. "He certainly has the best arm I've seen."

The '90s should help solidify Boston third baseman Wade Doggs' place among the greatest hitters ever and a spot in the hall of fame.

Boggs enters the decade with a .352 lifetime average and seven consecutive seasons with 200 or more hits. Last year, he missed only 59 balls in 1,101 swings and has given an entire new meaning to the term "contact hitter."

New York Mets third baseman Howard Johnson has already reached the 30-30 club twice and has emerged as a ream leader.
"I'm 29 now and have reached

the point where I know others have confidence in me," Johnsoo said. "I don't have to worry about proving anything."

The next 10 years, should bring some wonderful battles for sup-remacy at first base between Will Clark and Mark Grace.

It started in the National League playoffs last October when Clark and Grace staged their own personal one-on-one hitting contest.

In his first three full season with San Francisco, Clark averaged 29 homers and 104 RBIS. Last year, he hit .333 with 23 homers and 111 RBIS.

"I concentrated on hitting for average last season," Clark said. "I wasn't concerned about bomers. Now, I've gotten stronger through weight training, and I'd like to keep the average up there and add a few more bomers."

There's plenty of talent at first base in the American League.

# Chang advances to third round

TOKYO (AP) — Michael Chang overcame a blustery windy Tuesday to beat fellow American Kelly Jones 1-6, 6-0, 6-1 in the second round of men's singles in the Japan Open tennis tourna-

Chang, the 1989 French Open ebampion, said the winds bothered him in the first set but "in the second set I started hitting the ball late, allowing me more room and time to hit the ball." He said the injury to his hip which he sustained in early December had totally cleared up. Jones, ranked 113th in the

winning the first game of the first set without losing a point.
In the second set, Chang, no. 9

world, got off to a good start,

at love. Chang then broke the sixth game. Chang said Jones began making more errors in the second set. In the third set, Jones led the

first game 30-0 but Chang fired an ace, his third of the day, and then took the game.

After leading the set 5-1,
Chang led 40-0 for the match
point but hit a volley wide. After

a deuce the wrapped up the game at Tokyo's Ariake colosseum in

82 minutes.

The Chang-Jones match was the day's only second-round match. Top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia meets Japan's Shozo Matsuoka, and secondseeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden plays American Leif Shiras in second-round matches Wednes-

In men's singles first-round matches Tuesday, American Paul Chamberlin needed a first-set tiehreak before downing Gilad Bloom of Israel 7-6 (15-13), 7-5. Anders Jarryd of Sweden beat American Dan Cassidy 6-0, 6-3.

In wonten's first-round matches, top-seeded Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden beat Jo Durie of Britain 6-4, 6-4, but second-seeded United States both lost their championsbips.

Minter was beaten by Amer-

McNeil lost to American compatriot Ann Henricksson 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 7-5. Fifth-seeded Belinda Cordwell of New Zealand beat Australian

ican Louise Allen 6-4, 6-4 and

Louise Field 7-5, 3-6, 6-4. Japan's Kimiko Date crushed American Jo-Anne Faull 6-0, 6-0. The men's singles winner will

receive \$137,500 and the women's singles winner \$27,000. Meanwhile, a new challenge awaits Steffi Graf, and she can hardly wait to face it.

Sidelined two months with a broken right thumh, Graf begins her comehack Wednesday against in the world, broke the second game and again broke the fourth third-seeded Lori McNeil of the round of the Bausch and Lomb

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Alligator invades

SPRING HILL, Florida (AP) -

Shop owner Ed Shea was talking

on the phone when a customer

walked in, turned around the fled

without a word. Shea looked over

his shoulder and saw the reason

the man had boited. There was a

2.1-metre alligator in his store.

"At first I thought it was plastic

and that someone was just trying

to scare ...me," said the 43-year-old proprietor of National Floor

Care Products. When he realised the animal was real he called the

Florida game and fresh water fish

commission in this southeastern

state where swamp alligators are

common. The uninvited guest

just sat there for the 20 minutes it

tonk for the wildlife officials to

arrive. But when the trappers

slipped a noose on the alligator it

turned mean, flipping boxes, up-

ending chairs and attacking a

vacuum cleaner. It clenched the

appliance's cord in its teeth. Mike

Fagan, a wildlife official, figured

the 125-pound (56-kilogramme)

alligator wandered in a back door

from a nearby pond in search of

food. "I've only been bere a year

and a half, and the last thing I

would have thought was that there would be an alligator sitting behind me in my shop," said

# 9 more die in S. African violence

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (Agencies) -- Nine blacks were killed, including seven in one attack, as violence again erupted throughout troubled Natal province, police reported Tuesday.

Some 400 people have died in recent weeks in black faction fighting, most of it centered in the southeastern province of Natal.

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Police said assailants near Pietermaritzburg placed a barricade in front of a taxi van carrying 19 people, then opened fire. Seven people were killed and three injured, said police, who gave no motive for the attack.

Elsewhere in Natal, police said a youth died when officers opened fire with shotguns to disperse a mob. In a separate incident, a person was burnt to death when a car was set alight.

Police reported numerous clashes in which they used birdshot, rubber bullets, tear gas and attack dogs to break up stonethrowing crowds in Natal and other parts of the country.

The main combatants in Natal are supporters of the African National Congress (ANC) guer-rilla movement and Inkatha, a relatively conservative Zulu orga-

Both groups oppose apartheid but differ on how to approach the white-led government to change the system. Since 1986, the fighting has claimed some 4,000 lives. In another development, police said they did not expect any attacks on whites Tuesday despite the release of a pamphlet that called on blacks to "kill all the white racists" on April 10.

The pamphlet, which circulated in black townships last week, was issued under the name of the African National Congress. But ANC Deputy President Nelson Mandela said his organisation had nothing to do with the pam-phlet and did not know who was responsible.

The South Africa police have no information regarding such planned attacks," police said. Similar pamphlets and rumours have appeared in recent years, hut have not resulted in any outhreaks of violence, police

"I wish to give an assurance that the police have no information regarding such planned attacks. The police do not lightly disregard such rumours," an ANC spokesman said.

"All information was followed up and the police are convinced

that no such attacks have been or while municipal workers searched are being planned," he added. through the flimsy structures of South Africa's pro-apartheid wood, plastic and tin and piled Conservative Party has accused

Treurnicht said in a statement late

Monday that trustworthy sources

had revealed the ANC strategy.

He accused President F.W. de

Klerk's National Party govern-

ment of knowing about the plot.

explain why it did not warn the

leaders and personnel of the Cou-

servative Party that an assassina-

planned," be said.

hand it to the police.

tion attempt ou them was being

A government spokesman said

it had no details of any ANC plot

and that if the Conservatives had

any information, they should

Meanwhile a right-wing South

African municipality demolished

62 hlack squatter shacks Tuesday

in a dawn raid which a human

rights lawyer called a reprisal

Police armed with rifles sur-

rounded the Bloekombos squat-

ter settlement in Kraaifontein, a

Conservative white area about 30

kilometres ontside Cape Town.

They held scores of angry black

against apartheid reforms.

"The government must then

the government of keeping quiet personal belongings outside. over an alleged ANC plot to kill The people were given a few far-right leaders and their famiminutes to collect their things before two vellow buildozers flat-Conservative chief Andries tened their homes.

Human rights lawyer Barry Adams said after watching the demolitions he believed the rightwing Krazifontein council acted against the squatters to demonstrate its anger at political reforms introduced by de Klerk.

"It's a Conservative council and I think we are seeing a kind of response to all F.W.'s initiatives over the past few months, to everything the Conservatives don't like about what he is doing," Adams said.

Kraaifontein Mayor Arthur Collier said the shacks were flattened because the government had refused to provide land for the squatters.

"We haven't got a solution for this problem. The time has come for the government to find land for these people ... the government is going to have to deal with it," Collier said.

He said the town had no immediate plans for the empty land alongside a municipal workshop. "But we might need it later on."

# 50 reported killed in China unrest

PEKING (R) — Two negotiators accounts independently. They did sent to calm Islamic unrest in not know the name of the town. China's remote north-west were killed and in subsequent riots. security forces killed about 50 people, Western travellers said

Tuesday, quoting local people. But Xinjiang region officials, contacted by telephone from Peking, repeatedly declined comment on Western media reports that troops had crushed a riot near the ancient silk road city of Kashgar last week.

In the most detailed version so far of the events, Swedish tourists Jan Arell and Karin Teghammar said in Peking that, according to unconfirmed accounts, trouble flared in a town some 50 kilometres from Kashgar.

The trouble began after the local ethnic Kirgiz community had been prevented from building new mosques.

Two Chinese negotiators sent to the town, near Kashgar's airport, were killed after talks hit a deadlock.

Riots then erupted and troops suppressed them, killing about 50 people, the Swedish couple said, quoting well-informed local sources who could not be identi-

The couple said that at the time of the reported unrest they themselves were in the regional capital of Urunqi some 1,000 kilometres

away and could not confirm the

not know the name of the town. A Western diplomat in Peking said he had heard similar reports

from different sources. A Xinjiang spokesman in Urumai told Renters that telephone interviews were forbidden and that it was not possible to visit the region for the time being.

A Communist Party official in Kashgar told a West German reporter that the unrest had been 'suppressed" by Friday. He gave no details.

The Swedish tourists quoted airport and bus station officials in Urumqi as saying Sunday that foreigners were forbidden to go to Kashgar.

There were police standing behind the women selling bus tickets," said Arell. "As soon as we asked for a ticket, they told us that foreigners could not go to Kashpar any more.

About half Xinjiang's 15 million people are non-Chinese minorities sharing the Muslim faith with inhabitants of the Soviet Union's restive Asian republics, Tadzhikistan and Kirgiziya, located across a long and sensitive border.

On the Chinese side of the frontier only about 120,000 people belong to the Kirgiz community, which is of Turkic origin. Kashgar has a blood-stained history of racial and religious discon-

Official Xinjiang newspapers have recently published several warnings against 'hostile foreign forces" bent on splitting China. Governor Tumur Dawamat said last month he would "smash" saboteurs whom he called the

"scum of the nation." A detailed plan for limiting the number of mosques and Islamic schools in the region was published in the March 11 edition of the Xinjiang daily.

It emphasised the supremacy of China's Communist Party over religion and ordered a halt to activities by those who "require non-helievers to practice religion." It said "illegal" Islamic

schools had been set up. "Some people do not engage m normal religious activities, but undermine national soldarity and spread separatist ideas under the cover of religion," Xinjiang Radio said on March 10. "This is absolutely out permissible," it said.

Local government officials confirmed for the first time in 1988 that an organised uprising against Chinese rule took place in the early 1980s in Payzawat, 100 kilometres from Kashgar.

Muslim peasants raided a military armoury and attacked Han Chinese with stolen weapons.

# Anglo-Irish row erupts after IRA blast

DUBLIN (R) - Britain and Ireland argued bitterly Tuesday about the Irish Republican Army (IRA) and extradition after four British soldiers died in an IRA landmine attack.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher linked the killings to a string of recent extradition cases in Dublin's supreme court. angering Irish Premier Charles

Haughey.
"You take the murders of these four people alongside those decisions in the supreme court of the republic not to extradite those accused of violent crime and one is very, very depressed," Tatcher

they can and I hope they (the Irish government) would give us every facility."

The court freed two Irish Republican jailbreakers last month, arguing they could be mistreated in a Northern Ireland prison, and Friday released another prominent Republican wanted in the North on arms charges, claiming the offence could be viewed as political.

Haughey sharply denied any linkage: "I couldn't accept that there was any such relationship. Unfortunately, the violence in Northern Ireland is both random and unpredictable and I don't think anybody seriously believes in those atrocities would have regard for the decisions of any "Every effort must be made to

bring those responsible for this latest atrocity to justice," he said. The extradition row and the IRA attack have further weakened shaky Anglo-Irish relations and ensured that feelings will be running high in Belfast Wednesday among Northern Ireland's one million Protestants when Haughey makes his first

visit there in almost 30 years. As Ireland is the current president of the European Community, the Institute of Directors invited Haughey to speak to its conference on cross-border economic co-operation.

ment on U.S. policy would blust

a thorny domestic political issue

#### Workaholic Japanese get close to nature

through telephone

TOKYO (R) - Caught between a workshohe boss and an infernal rush-hour trip home, the harried Japanese salaryman can now commune with nature - hy telephone. Telecommunications giant Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) now brings callers the sound of birds and insects down its phone lines. NTT and the environment agency say they hope to bring the Japanese closer to nature through the new service, dubbed "Naku-Naku 7979". Naku-Naku means, roughly, "cheep-cheep." "I will introduce you to the sound of birds," coos a woman's soothing voice, describing each of the birds featured on the tape. She imitates the calls, ays the recordings. After that she entreats the listener: "Please go out and try to find real

#### E. Germans demand exotic underwear

sounds youself.

MUNICH (R) - The end of the Berlin Wall bas sparked a wave of demand from East Germans for sex aids and exotic underwear, the illustrated magazine Quick re-ported Tuesday. They are clamouring for suspenderbelts, vibrators and other sex toys from one of West Germany's biggest mail-order marital aid firms at a rate of 500 orders a day. "The demand is there," said Uli Rothermund, head of the Beate-Uhse Company, which sent four trucks loaded with 160,000 catalogues to four East German cities in the last week of March. "There were queues of two or three hundred metres and the people ripped the catalogues out of our

#### hands," he said. Dog leads police

to its master

LONDON (R) - A burglar took his dog along to rob a house in an English village but inadvertently left it behind and the whitehaired terrier led police to its master. Dean Mattingly, 25, fled from a neighbour's house in Histon Waldrist, near Oxford, with a miniature television and some cash but forgot the dog, which he had tied up outside. Playing a hunch, a police officer who arrived at the scene took the terrier for a walk. After 100 yards it stopped outside a cottage and began barking. Mattingly, wearing only a T-shirt and underpants. answered the policeman's knock and said: "Great. You've found my dog." On Monday, Mattingly pleaded guilty at an Oxford court to two charges of burglary and was sentenced to 15 months in jail. Neither the dog's name not its fate were immediately known.

# Locke seeks to get

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Sondra Locke says her cop thriller impulse owes nothing to her long-time companion Clint Eastwood. but "it's a battle to get out from under Clint's shadow." The Rhn. which Miss Locke directed, stars the edge of burnout, a theme not

# Nepal opposition invited to take part in interim government

KATHMANDU (AP) - A top opposition leader said Tuesday that King Birendra has invited his party to participate in a proposed interim government following the establishment of multiparty

The Nepali Congress Party's acting president, Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, said the party has also been invited to take part in a Constitution Reforms Commission and an inquiry into last week's government crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators, the bloodiest clash this century in Nepal.

Witnesses said at least 200 people were killed when police opened fire on a crowd of about 200,000 marching to the royal palace in central Kathmandu. The government said 10 people were killed and 107 injured in police action nationwide that day.

In the wake of the shootings, Birendra yielded to opposition demands to lift a 29-year-old han on political parties and promised to allow multiparty political sys-

LISBON, Portugal (AP) - As

moves gather pace to restart the

Angolan peace process. Jonas

Savimbi's U.S.-backed UNITA

rehels are tempting Angola's

Marxist government with some

The rebels are offering an im-

mediate ceasefire and a con-

ditional recognition of the Ango-

a statement released in Lisbon

Monday and signed by Savimbi

and other top-ranking rebel offi-

cials, have plenty of strings

attached. But they could over-

come an impasse that has

thwarted peace efforts since a

shaky first truce collapsed last

They follow three months of

The concessions, announced in

lan state.

tem. "Today I talked to a minister about the king's proposals, hut I told him we need time before making a decision. After all, we have been out of politics for three decades and need time to reorganise ourselves," Bhattarai said in a telephone interview. He refused to identify the

The Nepali Congress had formed Nepal's only government under a Western-style democracy before it was dismissed by Birendra's father, King Mahendra, in December 1960 on ground of

corruption and mismanagement. Power has since then been wielded hy the king, who rules through a largely rubber stamp government and a partyless National Assembly, the Rashtriya Panchayat, that is dominated by his nominees.

Prime Minister Lokendra Chand told reporters Monday his government could be considered an interim government until general elections were held after the Constitution Reforms Com-

Angolan rebels make concessions

in the capital Luanda.

Portugal in 1975.

officials.

fighting in the war so far and

stepped-up UNITA bomb attacks

According to the statement, the rebels said they were "ready to cease hostilities immediately

and without preconditions," and

would recognise the Angolan

state on the basis of accords

signed before independence from

There was no immediate reac-

But while offering an immedi-

ate ceasefire in the field, the

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sion in Luanda" until a truce is

"If there is no peace, we'll hit

non from Angolan government

as peace process gathers pace

mission submits its report. The commission has not yet been formed. Chand gave no dates for either elections or the commis-

Bhattari said Chand's claim on the interim government was "his view. We don't subscribe to it." Bhattarai also said the king did not elaborate on the new interim government. On Tuesday, life returned to

normal in Kathmandu and its two suburbs of Patan and Bhaktapur after day-long celebrations Monday over the opposition victory. Shops opened and streets were thronged with tourists and resi-

dents. Shopkeepers removed shattered glass from windows were broken during Friday's demonstration. Birendra, 44, is the heir of the Shaha Dynasty that has held the

throne since the middle of 18th century. Many Nepalis, especially illiterate farmers who compromise the bulk of this country's 17 million people, view him as the reincarnation of the Hindu god

where it hurts most," the state-

Previously UNITA, the

National Union for the Total

Independence of Angola, con-

ditioned talks on a government

troop withdrawal from positions

captured in rebel heartlands in

southeast Angola, UNITA also

always had refused even to men-

ernment and a third guerrilla movement, the FNLA, set Ango-

lan independence for November

that year after an interim, power-

sharing government had been

forced by the three parties.

under any circumstances.

# Kashmiri militants hostage

SRINAGAR, India (AP) -Muslim secessionist militants shot and killed one of three hostages they have been holding for the past four days and dumped his body outside the city's main fire

station, police said. The body of L.M. Khera, an industrialist, was found with five bullet wounds, said Tataji Ganjn, a police superintendent. Khera is the first civilian killed by the militants who has not been accused of being a police informer. His death raised to 256 the number of people killed in the Kashmir Valley since Jan. 20 when the government cracked down on a Muslim movement for secession from Hindu-majority India.

The body was found about one and-half hours before the kidnappers' 3 p.m. (0930 GMT) dead-line. They had threatened to kill all three hostages if three jailed militants were not freed.

Ganju said he did not know why Khera, a Hindu and general manager of the Hindustan Machine Tools Co., was killed before the deadline.

#### that the people who conduct this "It is in the interests of everycampaign of violence and engage one to fight terrorism as hard as U.S. signals harder line on El Salvador

WASHINGTON (AP) - The administration of President George Bush is signalling its intentions for a barder line toward El Salvador's government, as well as the leftist guerrillas who have waged a decade-long civil war.

The new policy is coming about through discussions with Congress, where El Salvador remains a leading sore point in U.S. foreign policy.

A first round of contacts came last week between Secretary of State James Baker and congrespublicans and Democrats. Baker aides said the visits on Capitol Hill were intended to indicate a allingness to rethink the U.S. policy of undiluted support for the Salvadoran government.

sional leaders including both Re-

On one side, the issue is being

propelled by mounting concern among congressional liberals over human rights lapses in the Central American country, in particular the murders last year of six Roman Catholic priests. From the administration's

and enhance chances for success at United -Nations-sponsored talks in Geneva between the Salvadoran government and the leftist rebels. The civil war has cost an estimated 70,000 lives.

Success in those talks is particularly important to Bernard Aronson, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs. Aides said he has a deep personal desire to promote peace.

#### France to offer passports to Hong Kong people pression of the student-led profull British passports to Hong

HONG KONG (R) - France has made a firm commitment to offer up to 1,500 passports to Hong Kong employees of French companies, and other Enropean countries will follow suit, a British government minister said

tion the possibility of recognition Francis Maude did not elabo-The Alvor accords signed in January 1975 by UNITA, the rate on the French offer, which follows international lobbying by Popular Movement for the Lithe British government to secure beration of Angola (MPLA) govforeign passports for residents of the colony before it is handed back to China in 1997.

He told a news conference Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg were finalising plans to offer passports.

"A number of other European Community (EC) countries are actively considering what they can do," Maude added. China's bloody military sup-

It issued a statement by the

pro-Pyongyang Sonth Korean

National Democratic Front (Han-

minjon) saying: "The Soviet Un-

ion, a friend of our people, must

not go the length of becoming a

friend of the enemy of our

It was Pyongyang's toughest

reaction to last month's meeting

in Moscow between President

Mikhail Gorbachev and Kim

Young-Sam, a co-leader of

Seoul's ruling Democratic Liberal

Gorbachev told him there were

now no obstacles to full diploma-

tic relations between Moscow and

Scoul. The Soviet Union, which

backed the Communist North in

the 1950-53 Korean War and re-

mained a close ally, has always

refused to recognise the capitalist

Kim returned home saying

people."

democracy movement in Peking last June rocked confidence in Hong Kong and hastened plans by many key professionals to emigrate.

Britain hopes that if Hong Kong people are given foreign passports they will feel secure enough to stay. It has proposed giving full British passports to 50,000 key residents and their families in an effort to stem the brain drain. Officials say this means Britain could issue up to 225,000 full British passports.

"Hong Kong depends for its continued success on the key people remaining here, and if that happens then it benefits everybody, not just those who receive the passports themselves,'

months Britain has made repeated representation at a high level to the governments of 20 coun-

has been generally very en-couraging," Mande said. He added: "Our work is not vet done." Mande is the British Foreign Office minister with responsibil-

ity for Hong Kong and is now visiting the colony. He heads back to London Wednesday

Government estimates put the current rate of emigration at 1.000 a week.

the British government's plans, now before parliament, to offer

China has repeatedly attacked

validity of the documents. Some 3.25 million Hong Kong people already hold British pass-"The response to our efforts

ports, but have no right to live in Britain. Maude dismissed suggestions that Peking would criticise the

Kong people and has said it

would refuse to recognise the

European initiative. "I would be surprised if China reacts in a hostile way to this," he

"We've explained to China that Hong Kong is in its nature an international place," he said. "There is big international in-

vestment, it depends for its success on this sort of international endeavour and it's perfectly prop-er then for other countries to take an interest in the employees of their own companies."

# **Mongolian Communist leader**

- Communist Party General Secretary Gombogavyn Ochirbat declared an end Tuesday to seven decades of control over trade union, artists and scientists, but said the police and army should

extraordinary party congress called to reconsider the party's most basic goals and policies in the face of the challenge from new, reformist opposition parties. "We need new theoretical concepts... starting with what social-

ism is and how it should be applied on Mongolian soil," Ochirbat said in an hour-long televised speech to the congress' 926 delegates. The Communist Party, formally called the Mongolian People's

Revolutionary Party, had indi-

cated it is determined to stay in

power despite the ouster of Com-

Bloc. The fall of communism in Eastern Europe inspired Mongolia's new opposition to hold demonstrations that forced the ruling party last month to hastily call

directly by the party's 90,000 members for the first time. They include only 41 members of the current, 146-member party Central Committee. One of the congress' chief tasks will be to elect a new Central Committee, which in turn may oust Ochirbat and the four other members of the party

Ochirbat warned the deputies.

sions that should he handled by the government. But Ochirbat said the party will

The new opposition groups had demanded that the army serve the government, not the ruling Ochirbat also warned against

blamed it on the new spirit of challenging authority in all areas.

However, in an interview withthe Japanese television network NHK that was published in Tuesday's party newspaper, Unen, Ochirbat said he had not lost confidence in the party.

TOKYO (R) — North Korea's petnate the 45-year division of official news agency Tuesday carthe peninsula and expressed ried a blunt warning to the Soviet Union not to establish official ties doubt over Soviet intentions. with its South Korean archrivals.

orbit that the Soviet Union will involve itself in the 'two Koreas' policy by 'recognising' South Korea in contravention of basic principle," Rodong Simmun said. Tuesday's Hanminjon state-

by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), monitored in Tokyo, the South Korean exile group expressed astonishment "at the news that such a political shyster as Kim Young-Sam ... was invited to the Soviet Union, which was the first Communist state to emerge on the globe, and met with the person in the top echelon, had talks for improve-

even a 'joint communique'." Hanminjon continued: "It is incomprehensible to those with sound thinking ability that a dignified Socialist sovereign state should discuss the question of establishing diplomatic relations

"All the more unimaginable is discuss economic cooperation with and hold out a hand to South Korea which is tottering, utterly dependent on foreign capital, without assets of its own.

The statement said if the Moscow communique on Kim Young-Sam's visit proved true, it showed the Soviet Union was "tolerating the U.S. domination and occupation of South Korea, supporting the Rob Tae-Won military fascist dictatorship, and cooperating in the perpetuation of national divi-

Hanminjon concluded: "Why does the Soviet Union, which wants to keep union republics from breaking away and hold them in a federation, intend to hamper the North and the South of Korea, one country by origin, from being reunified and to help those who want to create two

product of betrayal and treachery between the Democratic Liberal Party of South Korea and an institute of the Soviet Union, and will never tolerate the establishment of diplomatic relations between South Korea and the Soviet Union which they seek."

Since 1988, year of the Seoul Olympics, the booming South has pursued an aggressive doublepronged "nordpolitik", aimed at easing tensions with the North while fostering ties with Pyongvang's traditional East Block

established first trade and then full diplomatic relations with a number of East European coun-The Soviet Union, which badly needs the sort of technology and

In the past year, to North

Korea's ill-concealed fury, it has

offer, has been steadily moving in the direction of closer ties. That for Seoul would be the biggest prize of all. Last year bilateral trade more than doubled to \$599 million, the two countries have now ex-

Moscow, while reluctant to offend its long-term ally, has shown increasing interest in the past few years in establishing

links with economically dynamic

South Kerea.

# out from under Eastwood's shadow

Theresa Russell as a tough cop on anknown in Eastwood's work. But "this is not like any movie he ever did," Miss Locke said in a recent interview.

## keeps control of army, police ULAN BATOR, Mongolia (AP) munists elsewhere in the Soviet

this week's special congress. remain in the party's hands. The delegates were elected He spoke at the opening of an

> politburo. Ochirhat and the politburo were appointed only last month when an opposition hunger strike forced the old party leadership to resign. Their chances for surviv-

ing are not yet clear.
"Sluggish reaction to the new situation will amount to suicide,"

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He said the party must end dictatorial control of trade union, journalists, artists, scientists and mass organisations such as the vouth league. Many people in these groups already have rebelled against the party leadership. He said the party also will cease making administrative deci-

keep its cells in the army and police force, ensuring its control

growing disorder in factories since the pro-democracy demonstrations began in December. The government announced last week that industrial production for the first quarter had fallen from last year due to absenteeism and slacking off at factories, and

> South Korean state. North Korea broke its silence on the visit last Friday with an editorial in the official daily Rodong Simmun that furiously accused Seoul of trying to per

"It is unthinkable on a normal

Pyongyang warns Moscow against ties with Seoul

ment was much less cautious. According to the text carried

ment of relations and published

with South Korea. the fact that a superpower should

states? "Our people do not recognise the 'joint communique,' a co-

capital that South Korea had to

changed consular offices and their flag carriers, Aeroflot and Korean Air Lines, began regular flights between their capitals at the end of March.